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A Bill

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5   By: Senators Broadway, B. Johnson, J. Taylor

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8   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9   AN ACT TO CREATE AN ADDITIONAL CIRCUIT JUDGESHIP

10   IN THE TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT; TO

11   PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION OF THE

12   CIRCUIT JUDGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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14   **Subtitle**

15   AN ACT TO CREATE AN ADDITIONAL CIRCUIT

16   JUDGESHIP IN THE TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL

17   DISTRICT AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE

18   APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION OF THE CIRCUIT

19   JUDGE.

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22   BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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24   SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-13-3103, concerning judges of the

25   Twenty-second Judicial District, is amended to add an additional subsection

26   to read as follows:

27   (e)(1) Effective July 1, 2005, there is created in the Twenty-second

28   Judicial District an additional circuit judgeship that shall have

29   jurisdiction in law, equity, probate, and juvenile matters.

30   (2) The Governor shall appoint a qualified person who is a

31   resident of the district to temporarily fill the Twenty-second Judicial

32   District circuit judgeship created by this subsection (e), and the appointed

33   person shall serve until December 31, 2006, or until a successor has been

34   elected and qualified.

35   (3)(A) The qualified electors of the district shall elect the

36   additional circuit judge created by this subsection (e) at the November 2006

1   general election to take office on January 1, 2007.
2   (B)   The additional judge shall be elected from the
3   district, shall satisfy the same qualifications for holding office, and shall
4   receive the same salary, expenses, and other allowances as provided by law
5   for judges of the circuit courts.
6   (C)   The judge shall serve for elected terms of six (6)
7   years.
8   (4)   The county that comprises the Twenty-second Judicial
9   District shall provide courtroom and office facilities and supplies for the
10   judge of the circuit judgeship created by this subsection (e) that shall be
11   paid out of the county treasury in the same manner as other demands against
12   the county and out of funds appropriated by the quorum court of the county
13   for these purposes.
14   (5)   There shall be provided for the judge of the circuit
15   judgeship created by this subsection (e) a court reporter and a trial court
16   administrative assistant whose salaries shall be fixed and paid in the manner
17   provided by law for court reporters and trial court administrative assistants
18   of the circuit courts of this state.
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20   SECTION 2.   EMERGENCY CLAUSE.   It is found and determined by the
21   General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Judicial Resources
22   Assessment Committee has reviewed the caseloads of the various judicial
23   districts; that the caseload of the Twenty-second Judicial District
24   necessitates the appointment of an additional circuit judge; and that this
25   act is immediately necessary to ensure the smooth, efficient, and timely
26   administration of justice in the county affected.   Therefore, an emergency is
27   declared to exist and this act being necessary for the preservation of the
28   public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2005.
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