

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
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3 Regular Session, 2005

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 1069

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5 By: Senator Baker  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE AN ADDITIONAL CIRCUIT JUDGESHIP  
10 IN THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE  
11 FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION OF THE CIRCUIT  
12 JUDGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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17 AND ELECTION OF THE CIRCUIT JUDGE.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-13-2803, concerning judges of the  
24 Twentieth Judicial District, is amended to add an additional subsection to  
25 read as follows:

26 (f)(1) Effective July 1, 2005, there is created in the Twentieth  
27 Judicial District an additional circuit judgeship, that shall have  
28 jurisdiction in law, equity, probate, and juvenile matters.

29 (2) The Governor shall appoint a qualified person who is a  
30 resident of the district to temporarily fill the Twentieth Judicial District  
31 circuit judgeship created by this subsection (f), and the appointed person  
32 shall serve until December 31, 2006, or until a successor has been elected  
33 and qualified.

34 (3)(A) The qualified electors of the district shall elect the  
35 additional circuit judge created by this subsection (f) at the November 2006  
36 general election to take office on January 1, 2007.



1                   (B) The additional judge shall be elected from the  
2 district, shall satisfy the same qualifications for holding office, and shall  
3 receive the same salary, expenses, and other allowances as provided by law  
4 for judges of the circuit courts.

5                   (C) The judge shall serve for elected terms of six (6)  
6 years.

7                   (4) The counties that compose the Twentieth Judicial District  
8 shall provide courtroom and office facilities and supplies for the judge of  
9 the circuit judgeship created by this subsection (f), which shall be paid out  
10 of the county treasuries in the same manner as other demands against the  
11 counties and out of funds appropriated by the respective quorum courts of the  
12 counties for these purposes.

13                   (5) There shall be provided for the judge of the circuit  
14 judgeship created by this subsection (f) a court reporter and a trial court  
15 administrative assistant whose salaries shall be fixed and paid in the manner  
16 provided by law for court reporters and trial court administrative assistants  
17 of the circuit courts of this state.

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19                   SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
20 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Judicial Resources  
21 Assessment Committee has reviewed the caseloads of the various judicial  
22 districts; that the caseload of the Twentieth Judicial District necessitates  
23 the appointment of an additional circuit judge; and that this act is  
24 necessary to ensure the smooth, efficient, and timely administration of  
25 justice in the counties affected. Therefore, an emergency is declared to  
26 exist and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace,  
27 health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2005.