

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  
2 85th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2005

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 227

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5 By: Senator Madison  
6 By: Representatives L. Smith, Edwards

## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT COUNTIES MAY EMPLOY  
11 DISTRICT COURT JUDGES TO ACT AS JUDICIAL OFFICERS  
12 FOR FIRST APPEARANCES IN CRIMINAL CASES; TO ALLOW  
13 COUNTIES TO COMPENSATE DISTRICT COURT JUDGES FOR  
14 ACTING AS JUDICIAL OFFICERS FOR FIRST APPEARANCES  
15 IN CRIMINAL CASES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

18 TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES TO EMPLOY AND  
19 COMPENSATE DISTRICT COURT JUDGES FOR  
20 ACTING AS JUDICIAL OFFICERS IN CRIMINAL  
21 CASES.

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

26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 17, Subchapter 1 is amended  
27 to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 16-17-135. Counties authorized to employ and compensate district court  
29 judges.

30 (a) For the purposes of this section, "first appearances" means, but  
31 is not limited to, any of the following judicial actions in felony or  
32 misdemeanor criminal cases:

33 (1) The setting of bail;

34 (2) The determination of probable or reasonable cause; or

35 (3) Arraignments.

36 (b) A county may employ one (1) or more district court judges to act



1 as judicial officers for first appearances.

2 (c) If a county employs a district court judge to perform first  
3 appearances, then any moneys that the county remits to the district court  
4 judge for acting as a judicial officer for first appearances shall not be  
5 included in the computation of the salary that the district court judge is  
6 receiving for performing his or her duties as the judge in his or her  
7 district court.

8 (d) The authority of a district court judge employed by a county court  
9 to perform first appearances shall be subject to the superintending control  
10 of the circuit judges of the county in which the district court judge  
11 presides.

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