

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.

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As Engrossed: S2/1/05
A Bill

SENATE BILL 227

5 By: Senator Madison
6 By: Representatives L. Smith, Edwards
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9 **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.
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17 **Subtitle**

18 TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES TO EMPLOY AND
19 COMPENSATE DISTRICT COURT JUDGES FOR
20 ACTING AS JUDICIAL OFFICERS IN CRIMINAL
21 CASES.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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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 to
9 perform first appearances shall be subject to the superintending control of
10 the circuit judges of the county in which the district court judge presides.

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