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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| 2 | 85th General Assembly A B111 | |
| 3 | Regular Session, 2005 SENATE BILL | 584 |
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| 5 | By: Senators Miller, Madison | |
| 6 | By: Representatives Lamoureux, Ledbetter | |
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| 9 | For An Act To Be Entitled | |
| 10 | AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR LEGAL AID; TO | |
| 11 | INCREASE THE FILING FEE FOR REOPENING A CASE IN | |
| 12 | CIRCUIT COURT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. | |
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| 15 | AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR LEGAL AID | |
| 16 | AND TO INCREASE FILING FEES. | |
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| 10 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: | |
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| 21 | SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-6-403(b), as amended by Act 65 of 20 | 05. |
| 22 | is amended to read as follows: | <i></i> |
| 23 | (b) The uniform filing fees shall be: | |
| 24 | (1) For initiating a cause of action in the circuit court, | |
| 25 | including appeals\$125.00 | |
| 26 | (2) For reopening a cause of action in the circuit court | |
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| 28 | (3) For any cause of action which by court order is transfer | red |
| 29 | from any district or circuit court to a circuit court | .00. |
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| 31 | SECTION 2. Title 19, Chapter 6, Subchapter 4 is amended to add a ne | ew |
| 32 | section as follows: | |
| 33 | 19-6-499. Public Legal Aid Fund. | |
| 34 | (a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, Audite | <u>or</u> |
| 35 | of State, and Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a special revenue fund to | be |
| 36 | known as the "Public Legal Aid Fund". | |

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| 1 | (b)(1) Notwithstanding §§ 16-10-306, 16-10-307, 16-10-603, 16-10-604, |
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| 2 | and 19-5-559, or any other law to the contrary, twenty dollars (\$20.00) of |
| 3 | the filing fee collected under § 21-6-403(b)(2) shall be deposited into the |
| 4 | State Treasury to the credit of the fund as special revenues. |
| 5 | (2) The fund shall also consist of any other revenues as may be |
| 6 | authorized by law. |
| 7 | (c) The fund shall be used for providing financial support for public |
| 8 | legal aid organizations and distributed as follows: |
| 9 | (1) Forty-five percent (45%) of the fees collected under § 17- |
| 10 | 19-301(e)(1)(B) shall be paid to Legal Aid of Arkansas; and |
| 11 | (2) Fifty-five percent (55%) of the fees collected under § 17- |
| 12 | 19-301(e)(1)(B) shall be paid to the Center for Arkansas Legal Services. |
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