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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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18 AN ACT TO CREATE ADDITIONAL CIRCUIT JUDGESHIPS IN
19 THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, THE NINETEENTH
20 JUDICIAL DISTRICT-WEST, THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL
21 DISTRICT, THE TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT,
22 AND THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT; TO
23 PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION OF THE
24 CIRCUIT JUDGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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27 AN ACT TO CREATE FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL
28 CIRCUIT JUDGESHIPS.
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31 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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33 SECTION 1. The Judicial Resources Assessment Committee has reviewed
34 the caseloads of various judicial districts and has determined that to ensure
35 the smooth, efficient, and timely administration of justice additional
36 circuit judgeships are needed in the Second Judicial District, the Nineteenth



1 Judicial District-West, the Twentieth Judicial District, the Twenty-second
 2 Judicial District, and the Twenty-third Judicial District. This act
 3 authorizes the establishment of five (5) additional circuit judgeships,
 4 articulates the applicable appointment and election process of the additional
 5 circuit judges, and identifies various resources that will be available.

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 7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-13-1003, concerning judges of the Second
 8 Judicial District, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as
 9 follows:

10 (e)(1) Effective July 1, 2007, there is created in the Second Judicial
 11 District an additional circuit judgeship that shall have jurisdiction in law,
 12 equity, probate, and juvenile matters.

13 (2) The Governor shall appoint a qualified person who is a
 14 resident of the district to temporarily fill the Second Judicial District
 15 circuit judgeship created by subdivision (e)(1) of this section, and the
 16 appointed person shall serve until January 1, 2009, or until a successor has
 17 been elected and qualified.

18 (3)(A) The qualified electors of the district shall elect the
 19 additional circuit judge created by subdivision (e)(1) of this section at the
 20 May 2008 general election to take office on January 1, 2009.

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

25 (C) The circuit judge shall serve for elected terms of six
 26 (6) years.

27 (4) The counties that compose the Second Judicial District shall
 28 provide courtroom and office facilities and supplies for the judge of the
 29 circuit judgeship created by subdivision (e)(1) of this section, which shall
 30 be paid out of the county treasuries in the same manner as other demands
 31 against the counties and out of funds appropriated by the respective quorum
 32 courts of the counties for these purposes.

33 (5) There shall be provided for the judge of the circuit
 34 judgeship created by subdivision (e)(1) of this section a court reporter and
 35 a trial court administrative assistant whose salaries shall be fixed and paid
 36 in the manner provided by law for court reporters and trial court

1 administrative assistants of the circuit courts of this state.

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 3 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 16-13-2503, concerning judges of the
 4 Twenty-third Judicial District, is amended to add an additional subsection to
 5 read as follows:

6 (c)(1) Effective July 1, 2008, there is created in the Twenty-third
 7 Judicial District an additional circuit judgeship that shall have
 8 jurisdiction in law, equity, probate, and juvenile matters.

9 (2) The Governor shall appoint a qualified person who is a
 10 resident of the district to temporarily fill the Twenty-third Judicial
 11 District circuit judgeship created by subdivision (c)(1) of this section, and
 12 the appointed person shall serve until January 1, 2009, or until a successor
 13 has been elected and qualified.

14 (3)(A) The qualified electors of the district shall elect the
 15 additional circuit judge created by subdivision (c)(1) of this section at the
 16 May 2008 general election to take office on January 1, 2009.

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

21 (C) The circuit judge shall serve for elected terms of six
 22 (6) years.

23 (4) The county that composes the Twenty-third Judicial District
 24 shall provide courtroom and office facilities and supplies for the judge of
 25 the circuit judgeship created by subdivision (c)(1) of this section, which
 26 shall be paid out of the county treasury in the same manner as other demands
 27 against the county and out of funds appropriated by the quorum court of the
 28 county for these purposes.

29 (5) There shall be provided for the judge of the circuit
 30 judgeship created by subdivision (c)(1) of this section a court reporter and
 31 a trial court administrative assistant whose salaries shall be fixed and paid
 32 in the manner provided by law for court reporters and trial court
 33 administrative assistants of the circuit courts of this state.

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 35 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 16-13-2803, concerning judges of the
 36 Twentieth Judicial District, is amended to add an additional subsection to

1 read as follows:

2 (f)(1) Effective July 1, 2007, there is created in the Twentieth
 3 Judicial District an additional circuit judgeship that shall have
 4 jurisdiction in law, equity, probate, and juvenile matters.

5 (2) The Governor shall appoint a qualified person who is a
 6 resident of the district to temporarily fill the Twentieth Judicial District
 7 circuit judgeship created by subdivision (f)(1) of this section, and the
 8 appointed person shall serve until January 1, 2009, or until a successor has
 9 been elected and qualified.

10 (3)(A) The qualified electors of the district shall elect the
 11 additional circuit judge created by subdivision (f)(1) of this section at the
 12 May 2008 general election to take office on January 1, 2009.

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

17 (C) The circuit judge shall serve for elected terms of six
 18 (6) years.

19 (4) The counties that compose the Twentieth Judicial District
 20 shall provide courtroom and office facilities and supplies for the judge of
 21 the circuit judgeship created by subdivision (f)(1) of this section, which
 22 shall be paid out of the county treasuries in the same manner as other
 23 demands against the counties and out of funds appropriated by the respective
 24 quorum courts of the counties for these purposes.

25 (5) There shall be provided for the judge of the circuit
 26 judgeship created by subdivision (f)(1) of this section a court reporter and
 27 a trial court administrative assistant whose salaries shall be fixed and paid
 28 in the manner provided by law for court reporters and trial court
 29 administrative assistants of the circuit courts of this state.

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31 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 16-13-3002, concerning judges of the
 32 Nineteenth Judicial District-West, is amended to add an additional subsection
 33 to read as follows:

34 (h)(1) Effective January 1, 2009, there is created in the Nineteenth
 35 Judicial District-West an additional circuit judgeship that shall have
 36 jurisdiction in law, equity, probate, and juvenile matters.

1 (2)(A) The qualified electors of the district shall elect the
 2 additional circuit judge created by subdivision (h)(1) of this section at the
 3 May 2008 general election to take office on January 1, 2009.

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

8 (C) The circuit judge shall serve for elected terms of six
 9 (6) years.

10 (3) The county that composes the Nineteenth Judicial District-
 11 West shall provide courtroom and office facilities and supplies for the judge
 12 of the circuit judgeship created by subdivision (h)(1) of this section, which
 13 shall be paid out of the county treasury in the same manner as other demands
 14 against the county and out of funds appropriated by the quorum court of the
 15 county for these purposes.

16 (4) There shall be provided for the judge of the circuit
 17 judgeship created by subdivision (h)(1) of this section a court reporter and
 18 a trial court administrative assistant whose salaries shall be fixed and paid
 19 in the manner provided by law for court reporters and trial court
 20 administrative assistants of the circuit courts of this state.

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 22 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 16-13-3103, concerning judges of the
 23 Twenty-second Judicial District, is amended to add an additional subsection
 24 to read as follows:

25 (e)(1) Effective January 1, 2009, there is created in the Twenty-
 26 second Judicial District an additional circuit judgeship that shall have
 27 jurisdiction in law, equity, probate, and juvenile matters.

28 (2)(A) The qualified electors of the district shall elect the
 29 additional circuit judge created by subdivision (e)(1) of this section at the
 30 May 2008 general election to take office on January 1, 2009.

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

35 (C) The circuit judge shall serve for elected terms of six
 36 (6) years.

