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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE STATE DISTRICT COURTS; TO DESIGNATE  
10 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRICTS FOR STATE DISTRICT COURTS; TO  
11 AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 16-17-1101 ET SEQ.; TO AMEND  
12 ARKANSAS CODE § 16-17-901 ET SEQ.; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

16 TO CREATE STATE DISTRICT COURTS.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-17-1101 is amended to read as follows:  
23 16-17-1101. Legislative findings.

24 The General Assembly finds that:

25 (1) The goal expressed by Arkansas citizens with the adoption of  
26 Amendment 80 to the Arkansas Constitution was the creation of a three-tiered  
27 unified court system;

28 (2) The current structure of limited jurisdiction courts consists of a  
29 combination of full-time and part-time district and city courts funded by  
30 city and county governments;

31 (3) Based on availability of local resources, the cumulative effect of  
32 the creation and funding of those courts by local governments has been an  
33 unequal level of access to and an inequitable distribution of judicial  
34 services to communities;

35 (4) While Amendment 80 does not require the state to fund the district  
36 court system, there is a state interest in providing a more uniform level of



1 judicial resources to all citizens of the state;

2 (5) Because the current system of limited jurisdiction courts is not  
3 uniform, it is contrary to the interest of the state to merely shift the  
4 funding of the system from local government to state government without  
5 addressing the structure of the district court system;

6 (6) A way of addressing the shortage of resources for circuit courts  
7 in some areas of the state is the expansion of the jurisdiction of the  
8 district court which will shift cases from circuit court to district court  
9 and reduce expenses for the state;

10 (7) A state-funded system should include an analysis by the state that  
11 furthers the goal of a unified and equitable system for the delivery of  
12 judicial services;

13 ~~(8) It is the intent of this subchapter to begin that analysis process~~  
14 ~~by establishing a pilot program that creates a limited number of state-funded~~  
15 ~~pilot state district court judgeships and a process for the study and~~  
16 ~~consideration of establishing additional district courts in the future; and~~

17 (8) The District Court Resource Assessment Board, created in § 16-17-  
18 1001 et seq., has studied the effectiveness of the state's creation of pilot  
19 district courts and found that they are successful in creating a more uniform  
20 and equitable judicial system, reducing the number of district and city court  
21 judges, maintaining the level of service to the communities served by  
22 district and city courts, allowing the shift of cases from circuit to  
23 district courts, decreasing the number of conflicts requiring the appointment  
24 of special judges, and improving public access to the court system;

25 (9) The state should continue the incremental creation of state  
26 district courts served by full-time judges and designate geographic districts  
27 that have sufficient caseloads to justify a full-time judge until the system  
28 is implemented and operating statewide on January 1, 2017; and

29 ~~(9)(10)~~ For purposes of the ~~pilot~~ program, cities and counties should  
30 keep one hundred percent (100%) of all their current revenue from fines and  
31 costs with the exception of the adjustment from the cost-sharing formula.

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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-17-1102 is amended to read as follows:  
34 16-17-1102. Definitions.

35 As used in this subchapter:

36 ~~(1)(A) "District court" means a court created under § 16-17-901 et~~

1 seq.

2 ~~(B) "District court" includes a department of a district court;~~

3 ~~(2) "Pilot state district court judge" means a full time judge:~~

4 ~~(A) Whose salary is paid by the state;~~

5 ~~(B) Who is not engaged in the private practice of law; and~~

6 ~~(C) Who is available for work in circuit court under rules~~

7 ~~adopted by the Arkansas Supreme Court; and~~

8 ~~(3) "Pilot state district court judgeship" means a district court that~~

9 ~~has:~~

10 ~~(A) Criminal jurisdiction, as established by the General~~

11 ~~Assembly; and~~

12 ~~(B) Civil jurisdiction, as established by the Arkansas Supreme~~

13 ~~Court.~~

14 (1) "Department" means the physical location where sessions of court

15 are held;

16 (2) "District" means the geographical area in which a state district

17 court may exercise jurisdiction and from which a state district court judge

18 is elected;

19 (3) "Division" means the designation of the judicial positions for

20 case management or election purposes and does not refer to "subject matter

21 divisions" under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 80, § 7;

22 (4) "Local district court" includes a department of a district court;

23 (5)(A) "State district court" means a district court that is created

24 by this subchapter and has:

25 (i) Criminal jurisdiction, as established by the General

26 Assembly; and

27 (ii) Civil jurisdiction, as established by the Supreme

28 Court.

29 (B) "State district court" includes a department of a state

30 district court; and

31 (6) "State district court judge" means a full-time judge:

32 (A) Whose salary is paid by the state;

33 (B) Who is not engaged in the private practice of law; and

34 (C) Who is available for work in circuit court under rules

35 adopted by the Supreme Court.

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1 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 16-17-1103 is repealed.

2 ~~16-17-1103. Creation of pilot state district court judgeships.~~

3 ~~(a) There are established twenty five (25) pilot state district court~~  
4 ~~judgeships.~~

5 ~~(b) The following counties or judicial districts of a county and the~~  
6 ~~towns and cities in that county or judicial districts of a county in which a~~  
7 ~~district court is located shall participate in a program of full time pilot~~  
8 ~~state district court judges:~~

9 ~~(1) Baxter;~~

10 ~~(2) Benton;~~

11 ~~(3) Boone;~~

12 ~~(4) Cleburne;~~

13 ~~(5) Greene;~~

14 ~~(6) Independence;~~

15 ~~(7) Miller;~~

16 ~~(8) Mississippi — Chickasawba District;~~

17 ~~(9) Poinsett;~~

18 ~~(10) Pope;~~

19 ~~(11) Pulaski — Jacksonville District Court; North Little Rock~~  
20 ~~District Court, Department 1 and Department 2; and Pulaski County District~~  
21 ~~Court;~~

22 ~~(12) St. Francis;~~

23 ~~(13) Saline;~~

24 ~~(14) Sebastian; and~~

25 ~~(15) Union.~~

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27 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 16-17-1104 is amended to read as follows:

28 16-17-1104. ~~Pilot state~~ State district court judges -- Salaries.

29 (a) The ~~pilot state district court~~ judges who are appointed or elected  
30 to serve the judgeships courts created under § ~~16-17-1103~~ this subchapter are  
31 state district court judges.

32 (b) The salaries of the ~~pilot~~ state district court judges ~~shall be~~ are  
33 uniform and shall be paid with moneys appropriated from the Constitutional  
34 Officers Fund, § 19-5-205, by the General Assembly.

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36 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 16-17-1106 is amended to read as follows:

1 16-17-1106. Salary of ~~pilot~~ state district court judges -- Cost-  
2 sharing.

3 (a) The state shall pay the salary and benefits of ~~pilot~~ state  
4 district court judges created under this subchapter.

5 (b)(1)(A) Each county and town or city in a district that has in which  
6 a ~~pilot~~ state district court judgeship is created under this subchapter shall  
7 pay to the state an amount equal to its proportionate share of one-half (1/2)  
8 of the base salary established by law for state fiscal year 2009 for that  
9 ~~county and town or city's pilot~~ district's state district court judge.

10 (B) The proportionate share is calculated as follows:

11 (i)(a) Determine the sum total of the base salary  
12 paid by each county and town or city in a district to that county and town or  
13 city's district court judge or city court judge for the calendar year  
14 immediately preceding the creation of the state district court judgeship;

15 (b) Determine the proportion of the base  
16 salary of each county and town or city to the sum total base salary of the  
17 district; and

18 (ii) Each county and town or city shall pay to the  
19 state its proportionate share as determined in subdivision (b)(1)(B)(i)(a) of  
20 this section of one-half (1/2) of the base salary established by law for  
21 state fiscal year 2009 for each state district court judge in the district at  
22 the time the county and town or city had a state district court judgeship  
23 created.

24 ~~(B)(C)~~ (C) On a form provided by the Administration of Justice  
25 ~~Fund Funds~~ Section of the Office of Administrative Services of the Department  
26 of Finance and Administration, each county and town or city in a district  
27 shall certify annually on or before October 31 the amount to be paid to the  
28 state for its share of one-half (1/2) of the salary ~~established by law as~~  
29 determined in this section for ~~its pilot~~ that district's state district court  
30 judge.

31 (2)(A) ~~Nothing in this~~ This section prohibits does not prohibit  
32 a county and town or city ~~that has~~ in a district in which a ~~pilot~~ state  
33 district court judgeship is created under this subchapter from agreeing in  
34 writing on the amount to be paid to the state by the county and the town or  
35 city for its proportionate share of one-half (1/2) of the salary ~~established~~  
36 by law as determined in this section for ~~its pilot~~ that district's state

1 district court judge.

2 (B) If a written agreement is reached under subdivision  
3 (b)(2)(A) of this section, the county and town or city shall submit on or  
4 before October 31 a copy of that written agreement to the Administration of  
5 Justice ~~Fund~~ Funds Section.

6 (c) The amount of the ~~pilot~~ state district court judge's salary  
7 initially paid by the county and the town or city ~~for calendar year 2008 in a~~  
8 district and annually afterwards shall be the amount determined under  
9 subsection (b) of this section.

10 (d)(1) Beginning with its annual meeting of ~~2007~~ 2011, the quorum  
11 court in each county ~~that has~~ in a district in which a ~~pilot~~ state district  
12 court judgeship is created under this subchapter and the council in each town  
13 or city ~~that has~~ in a district in which a ~~pilot~~ state district court  
14 judgeship is created under this subchapter shall appropriate annually from  
15 its general revenues an amount sufficient to pay its share of the ~~pilot~~ state  
16 district court judgeship salary allocated to it under subsection (b) of this  
17 section.

18 (2) The duty under subdivision (d)(1) of this section may be  
19 enforced in a court of competent jurisdiction.

20 (e) On or before December 15, ~~2007~~ 2011, and annually afterwards, the  
21 Administration of Justice ~~Fund~~ Funds Section shall certify to the county and  
22 the town or city in each district the amount of its share of one-half (1/2)  
23 of the base salary established ~~by law for that county and town or city's~~  
24 pilot state district court judge under subsection (b) of this section.

25 (f) On or before January 15, ~~2008~~ 2012, and annually afterwards, the  
26 county and the town or city shall remit to the Administration of Justice ~~Fund~~  
27 Funds Section for deposit in the Constitutional Officers Fund the sum  
28 necessary to fund its share of the base salary allocated to it under  
29 subsection (e) of this section.

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31 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 16-17-1107 is amended to read as follows:

32 16-17-1107. Salary of judges serving city or county.

33 ~~Nothing in this~~ This subchapter shall not in any way limit the power and  
34 authority of ~~other~~ local district courts currently existing. Except for the  
35 ~~pilot~~ state district court judgeships created under this subchapter, a judge  
36 serving in another full-time or part-time local district court position shall

1 continue to be an employee of the cities or counties, or both, that he or she  
2 serves and shall be paid according to state law.

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4 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 16-17-1108 is amended to read as follows:  
5 16-17-1108. Travel expense reimbursement.

6 From the appropriation provided for the expenses of ~~pilot~~ state  
7 district court judges, a ~~pilot~~ state district court judge is authorized to be  
8 reimbursed for those travel expenses at the rate as authorized for state  
9 employees and for mileage at the rate established in the state travel  
10 regulations for state employees while traveling within the state in the  
11 performance of ~~their~~ official duties.

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13 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 17, Subchapter 11 is  
14 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

15 16-17-1109. Jurisdiction.

16 (a)(1) State district courts are courts of limited jurisdiction with  
17 criminal jurisdiction as defined by the General Assembly and by the Arkansas  
18 Constitution, Amendment 80, § 7, and civil jurisdiction as defined by the  
19 Supreme Court.

20 (2) State district courts may be given greater criminal and  
21 civil jurisdiction than that provided for local district courts, subject to  
22 the provisions of the Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 80, §§ 7 and 10.

23 (b) Under rules prescribed by the Supreme Court, a state district  
24 court judge may hear cases filed in the circuit court that arise within the  
25 territorial jurisdiction of the state district court judge.

26 (c)(1) Under rules prescribed by the Supreme Court, a state district  
27 court judge may be assigned by the Chief Justice to hear cases outside the  
28 territorial jurisdiction of the court.

29 (2) When assigned, the state district court judge is entitled to  
30 the reimbursement of travel expenses under § 16-17-1108.

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32 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 17 is amended to add an  
33 additional section to read as follows:

34 16-17-1110. Organization and designation.

35 The following pilot district courts which are in existence as of  
36 January 1, 2011, and being served by twenty-five (25) pilot district court

1 judges shall continue operation as state district courts and shall  
2 hereinafter be organized and designated in the following numbered judicial  
3 districts:

4 (1)(A) The First District is composed of Benton County.

5 (B) The First District has thirteen (13) departments as  
6 follows:

7 (i) One (1) located in Rogers;

8 (ii) One (1) located in Bentonville;

9 (iii) One (1) located in Siloam Springs;

10 (iv) One (1) located in Gentry;

11 (v) One (1) located in Decatur;

12 (vi) One (1) located in Bethel Heights;

13 (vii) One (1) located in Cave Springs;

14 (viii) One (1) located in Centerton;

15 (iv) One (1) located in Gravette;

16 (x) One (1) located in Little Flock;

17 (xi) One (1) located in Lowell;

18 (xii) One (1) located in Pea Ridge; and

19 (xiii) One (1) located in Sulphur Springs.

20 (C)(i) The district is served by four (4) state district  
21 court judges.

22 (ii) The judgeship which is presently held by Brad  
23 Karren shall hereinafter be designated as Division 1.

24 (iii) The judgeship which is presently held by John  
25 Skaggs shall hereinafter be designated as Division 2.

26 (iv) The judgeship which is presently held by  
27 Stephen Thomas shall hereinafter be designated as Division 3.

28 (v) The judgeship which is presently held by Jeff  
29 Conner shall hereinafter be designated as Division 4.

30 (D) The assignment of judges to departments under  
31 subdivision (1)(B) of this section is determined by the mutual agreement of  
32 the state district court judges.

33 (E) For the purpose of venue, the district court  
34 boundaries in Benton County are as follows:

35 (i) Division 1 - Rogers District Court:

36 (a) All of District 94, District 95, and



1 District 96 of the House of Representatives as drawn by the Board of  
2 Apportionment in 2002;

3 (b) That part of District 98 of the House of  
4 Representatives as drawn by the Board of Apportionment in 2002 that is in  
5 Benton County Quorum Court District 1 as established by the Benton County  
6 Election Commission;

7 (c) That part of Benton County Quorum Court  
8 District 6 as established by the Benton County Election Commission that is in  
9 District 96 and District 98 of the House of Representatives as drawn by the  
10 Board of Apportionment in 2002; and

11 (d) All of precinct 43, precinct 44, and  
12 precinct 49 as they existed on January 1, 2011;

13 (ii) Division 2 - Bentonville District Court:

14 (a) All of District 7, District 8, District 9,  
15 and District 10 except for the now existing precinct 22, of the Benton County  
16 Quorum Court as established by the Benton County Election Commission;

17 (b) All of District 99 of the House of  
18 Representatives as drawn by the Board of Apportionment in 2002 except for the  
19 now-existing precinct 43, precinct 44, and precinct 49; and

20 (c) All of precinct 45 as it existed on  
21 January 1, 2011;

22 (iii) Division 3 - Siloam Springs District Court:

23 (a) All of District 97 of the House of  
24 Representatives as drawn by the Board of Apportionment in 2002; and

25 (b) All of precinct 7, precinct 14, precinct  
26 16, and precinct 17 as they existed on January 1, 2011; and

27 (iv) Division 4 - Benton County West District Court:

28 (a) All of Benton County Quorum Court District  
29 11 as established by the Benton County Election Commission; and

30 (b) All of precinct 6, precinct 15, precinct  
31 18, precinct 19, and precinct 22 as they existed on January 1, 2011.

32 (F) The First District judges are elected district wide.

33 (G) The First District court has district-wide  
34 jurisdiction;

35 (2)(A) The Fourth District is composed of Boone County.

36 (B) Beginning January 1, 2017, the Fourth District shall

1 be composed of the counties of Boone, Newton, and Searcy.

2 (C) The Fourth District has two (2) departments as  
3 follows:

4 (i) One (1) located in Alpena; and

5 (ii) One (1) located in Harrison.

6 (D) Beginning January 1, 2017, the Fourth District shall  
7 have two (2) additional departments as follows:

8 (i) One (1) located in Marshall; and

9 (ii) One (1) located in Jasper.

10 (E) The Fourth District is served by one (1) state  
11 district court judge.

12 (F) The Fourth District judge is elected district wide.

13 (G) The Fourth District court has district-wide  
14 jurisdiction;

15 (3)(A) The Sixth District is composed of the Greenwood District  
16 of Sebastian County and the Fort Smith District of Sebastian County.

17 (B) The Greenwood District of Sebastian County has one (1)  
18 district court with one (1) judge and three (3) departments as follows:

19 (i) One (1) located in Greenwood;

20 (ii) One (1) located in Barling; and

21 (iii) One (1) located in Central City.

22 (C)(i) The Fort Smith District of Sebastian County has one  
23 (1) district court with three (3) departments and one (1) judge for each  
24 department.

25 (ii) The judgeship which is presently held by David  
26 Saxon shall hereinafter be designated Division 1.

27 (iii) The judgeship which is presently held by Ben  
28 Beland shall hereinafter be designated Division 2.

29 (iv) The judgeship which is presently held by Claire  
30 Borengasser shall hereinafter be designated Division 3.

31 (D) The judge of any district court in Sebastian County  
32 shall be elected by the electors of the judicial district in which the court  
33 is located.

34 (E) The jurisdiction of the district courts in Sebastian  
35 County shall be limited to the judicial district in which the court is  
36 located;

1 (4)(A) The Eighth District is composed of Pope County.

2 (B) The Eighth District has five (5) departments as  
3 follows:

4 (i) One (1) located in Russellville;

5 (ii) One (1) located in Atkins;

6 (iii) One (1) located in Dover;

7 (iv) One (1) located in London; and

8 (v) One (1) located in Pottsville.

9 (C) The Eighth District is served by one (1) state  
10 district court judge.

11 (D) The Eighth District judge is elected district wide.

12 (E) The Eighth District court has district-wide  
13 jurisdiction;

14 (5)(A) The Tenth District is composed of Baxter County.

15 (B) Beginning January 1, 2017, the Tenth District shall be  
16 composed of the counties of Baxter and Marion.

17 (C) The Tenth District has seven (7) departments as  
18 follows:

19 (i) One (1) located in Briarcliff;

20 (ii) One (1) located in Cotter;

21 (iii) One (1) located in Gassville;

22 (iv) One (1) located in Lakeview;

23 (v) One (1) located in Mountain Home;

24 (vi) One (1) located in Norfolk; and

25 (vii) One (1) located in Salesville.

26 (D) Beginning January 1, 2017, the Tenth District shall  
27 have four (4) additional departments as follows:

28 (i) One (1) located in Yellville;

29 (ii) One (1) located in Bull Shoals;

30 (iii) One (1) located in Flippin; and

31 (iv) One (1) located in Summit.

32 (E) The Tenth District is served by one (1) state district  
33 court judge.

34 (F) The Tenth District judge is elected district wide.

35 (G) The Tenth District court has district-wide  
36 jurisdiction;

1 (6)(A) The Thirteenth District is composed of Cleburne County.

2 (B) Beginning January 1, 2017, the Thirteenth District  
3 shall be composed of the counties of Cleburne and Stone.

4 (C) The Thirteenth District has four (4) departments as  
5 follows:

6 (i) One (1) located in Heber Springs;

7 (ii) One (1) located in Greers Ferry;

8 (iii) One (1) located in Concord; and

9 (iv) One (1) located in Quitman.

10 (D) Beginning January 1, 2017, the Thirteenth District  
11 shall have one (1) additional department located in Mountain View.

12 (E) The Thirteenth District is served by one (1) state  
13 district court judge.

14 (F) The Thirteenth District judge is elected district  
15 wide.

16 (G) The Thirteenth District court has district-wide  
17 jurisdiction;

18 (7)(A) The Fourteenth District is composed of Independence  
19 County.

20 (B) Beginning January 1, 2017, the Fourteenth District  
21 shall be composed of the counties of Independence, Izard, and Fulton.

22 (C) The Fourteenth District has one (1) department located  
23 in Batesville.

24 (D) Beginning January 1, 2017, the Fourteenth District  
25 shall have four (4) additional departments as follows:

26 (i) One (1) located in Salem;

27 (ii) One (1) located in Mammoth Spring;

28 (iii) One (1) located in Horseshoe Bend; and

29 (iv) One (1) located in Melbourne.

30 (E) The Fourteenth District is served by one (1) state  
31 district court judge.

32 (F) The Fourteenth District judge is elected district  
33 wide.

34 (G) The Fourteenth District court has district-wide  
35 jurisdiction;

36 (8)(A) The Seventeenth District is composed of Greene County.

1 (B) Beginning January 1, 2021, the Seventeenth District  
2 shall be composed of the counties of Clay and Greene.

3 (C) The Seventeenth District has two (2) departments as  
4 follows:

5 (i) One (1) located in Paragould; and

6 (ii) One (1) located in Marmaduke.

7 (D) Beginning January 1, 2021, the Seventeenth District  
8 shall have three (3) additional departments as follows:

9 (i) One (1) located in Corning;

10 (ii) One (1) located in Piggott; and

11 (iii) One (1) located in Rector.

12 (E) The Seventeenth District is served by one (1) state  
13 district court judge.

14 (F) The Seventeenth District judge is elected district  
15 wide.

16 (G) The Seventeenth District court has district-wide  
17 jurisdiction;

18 (9)(A) The Eighteenth District is composed of Mississippi  
19 County, Chickasawba District.

20 (B) Beginning January 1, 2021, the Eighteenth District  
21 shall be composed of Mississippi County.

22 (C) The Eighteenth District has five (5) departments as  
23 follows:

24 (i) One (1) located in Blytheville;

25 (ii) One (1) located in Manila;

26 (iii) One (1) located in Leachville;

27 (iv) One (1) located in Gosnell; and

28 (v) One (1) located in Dell.

29 (D) Beginning January 1, 2021, the Eighteenth District  
30 shall have two (2) additional departments as follows:

31 (i) One (1) located in Osceola; and

32 (ii) One (1) located in Joiner.

33 (E) The Eighteenth District is served by one (1) state  
34 district court judge.

35 (F) The Eighteenth District judge is elected district  
36 wide.

1                   (H) The Eighteenth District court has district-wide  
2 jurisdiction;

3                   (10)(A) The Twentieth District is composed of Poinsett County.

4                   (B) The Twentieth District has six (6) departments as  
5 follows:

6                           (i) One (1) located in Marked Tree;

7                           (ii) One (1) located in Trumann;

8                           (iii) One (1) located in Tyronza;

9                           (iv) One (1) located in Lepanto;

10                          (v) One (1) located in Harrisburg; and

11                          (vi) One (1) located in Weiner.

12                   (E) The Twentieth District is served by one (1) state  
13 district court judge.

14                   (H) The Twentieth District judges is elected district  
15 wide.

16                   (I) The Twentieth District court has district-wide  
17 jurisdiction;

18                   (11)(A) The *Twenty-Fifth District* is composed of St. Francis  
19 County.

20                   (B) The *Twenty-Fifth District* has three (3) departments as  
21 follows:

22                           (i) One (1) located in Forrest City;

23                           (ii) One (1) located in Madison; and

24                           (iii) One (1) located in Palestine.

25                   (C) The *Twenty-Fifth District* is served by one (1) state  
26 district court judge.

27                   (D) The *Twenty-Fifth District* judge is elected district  
28 wide.

29                   (E) The *Twenty-Fifth District* court has district-wide  
30 jurisdiction;

31                   (12)(A) The Thirty-First District is composed of Pulaski County.

32                   (B) The Thirty-First District has ten (10) departments  
33 until January 1, 2012, and thereafter shall have eleven (11) departments, as  
34 follows:

35                           (i) One (1) located in Jacksonville, to be known as  
36 Jacksonville District Court;

1                   (ii) Four (4) located in Little Rock, to be known  
2 as:  
3                   (a) Little Rock District Court – First  
4 Division;  
5                   (b) Little Rock District Court – Second  
6 Division;  
7                   (c) Little Rock District Court–Third Division;  
8 and  
9                   (d) Pulaski County District Court;  
10                  (iii) One (1) located in Maumelle, to be known as  
11 Maumelle District Court;  
12                  (iv) Two (2) located in North Little Rock, to be  
13 known as:  
14                   (a) North Little Rock District Court – First  
15 Division; and  
16                   (b) North Little Rock District Court – Second  
17 Division;  
18                  (v) One (1) located in Sherwood, to be known as  
19 Sherwood District Court;  
20                  (vi) One (1) located in Wrightsville, to be known as  
21 Wrightsville District Court; and  
22                  (vii) Effective January 1, 2012, subject to the  
23 provisions of § 16-17-1202, one (1) located in Cammack Village, to be known  
24 as Cammack Village District Court.  
25                  (C) From and after January 1, 2012, until January 1, 2017,  
26 subject to the provisions of § 16-17-1202, the Cammack Village District Court  
27 and the Wrightsville District Court shall be served by one (1) judge;  
28 otherwise, the provisions of subdivisions (12)(B)(i)–(vii) will apply in the  
29 Thirty-First District.  
30                  (D) From the effective date of this act until January 1,  
31 2017, the Thirty-First District is served by four (4) state district judges  
32 and six (6) local district judges, as follows:  
33                   (i) The Jacksonville District Court is served by one  
34 (1) state district judge who is elected by the qualified electors of the city  
35 of Jacksonville and has territorial jurisdiction only within the city limits  
36 of Jacksonville;

1                   (ii) The Little Rock District Court – First Division  
2 is served by one (1) local district judge who is elected by the qualified  
3 electors of the city of Little Rock and has territorial jurisdiction only  
4 within the city limits of Little Rock;

5                   (iii) The Little Rock District Court – Second  
6 Division is served by one (1) local district judge who is elected by the  
7 qualified electors of the city of Little Rock and has territorial  
8 jurisdiction only within the city limits of Little Rock;

9                   (iv) The Little Rock District Court – Third Division  
10 is served by one (1) local district judge who is elected by the qualified  
11 electors of the city of Little Rock and has territorial jurisdiction only  
12 within the city limits of Little Rock;

13                   (v) The Maumelle District Court is served by one (1)  
14 local district judge who is elected by the qualified electors of the city of  
15 Maumelle and has territorial jurisdiction only within the city limits of  
16 Maumelle;

17                   (vi) The North Little Rock District Court – First  
18 Division is served by one (1) state district judge who is elected by the  
19 qualified electors of the city of North Little Rock and has territorial  
20 jurisdiction only within the city limits of North Little Rock;

21                   (vii) The North Little Rock District Court – Second  
22 Division is served by one (1) state district judge who is elected by the  
23 qualified electors of the city of North Little Rock and has territorial  
24 jurisdiction only within the city limits of North Little Rock;

25                   (viii) The Pulaski County District Court is served  
26 by one (1) state district judge who is elected district wide and has  
27 district-wide territorial jurisdiction;

28                   (ix) The Sherwood District Court is served by one  
29 (1) local district judge who is elected district wide and has district-wide  
30 territorial jurisdiction; and

31                   (x)(a) The Wrightsville District Court is served by  
32 one (1) local district judge who is elected district wide and has district-  
33 wide territorial jurisdiction.

34                   (b) From and after January 1, 2012, the  
35 Wrightsville District Court and the Cammack Village District Court are served  
36 by one (1) judge.



1                   (E) Effective January 1, 2017, the Thirty-First District  
2 shall continue to have eleven (11) departments that shall be served by eight  
3 (8) state district judges. All the following judges shall be elected district  
4 wide and shall have district-wide territorial jurisdiction:

5                   (i) The Jacksonville District Court and the Maumelle  
6 District Court shall be served by one (1) judge;

7                   (ii) The Little Rock District Court - First Division  
8 shall be served by one (1) judge;

9                   (iii) The Little Rock District Court - Second  
10 Division shall be served by one (1) judge;

11                   (iv) The Little Rock District Court - Third  
12 Division, the Wrightsville District Court, and the Cammack Village District  
13 Court shall be served by one (1) judge;

14                   (v) The North Little Rock District Court - First  
15 Division shall be served by one (1) judge;

16                   (vi) The North Little Rock District Court - Second  
17 Division shall be served by one (1) judge;

18                   (vii) The Pulaski County District Court shall be  
19 served by one (1) judge; and

20                   (viii) The Sherwood District Court shall be served  
21 by one (1) judge.

22                   (F)(i) Any judge serving as a local district judge in the  
23 Thirty-First District whose base annual salary is paid by a city and whose  
24 base annual salary is more than the annual salary paid to a state district  
25 judge, upon becoming a state district judge, shall continue to be paid by the  
26 city the differential amount between his or her annual salary as of December  
27 31, 2016, and the annual salary established by the state for a state district  
28 judge.

29                   (ii) The differential amount as calculated as of  
30 December 31, 2016, shall continue as long as the judge continues to serve as  
31 a state district judge.

32                   (iii) Upon leaving office of state district court  
33 judge, by retirement or otherwise, his or her successor shall be paid only  
34 the salary established for a state district judge without regard to the  
35 differential amount provided for in this section.

36                   (13)(A) The Thirty-Second District is composed of Saline County

1 and the city of Alexander in Pulaski County.

2 (B) The Thirty-Second District has six (6) departments as  
3 follows:

4 (i) One (1) located in Benton;

5 (ii) One (1) located in Bryant;

6 (iii) One (1) located in Alexander;

7 (iv) One (1) located in Bauxite;

8 (v) One (1) located in Haskell; and

9 (vi) One (1) located in Shannon Hills.

10 (C)(i) The Thirty-Second District is served by two (2)  
11 state district court judges.

12 (ii) The judgeship which is presently held by Mike  
13 Robinson shall hereinafter be designated as Division 1.

14 (iii) The judgeship which is presently held by  
15 Curtis Rickard shall hereinafter be designated Division 2.

16 (D) The assignment of judges to departments under  
17 subdivision (a)(12)(B) of this section is determined by the mutual agreement  
18 of the state district court judges.

19 (E) The Thirty-Second District judges are elected district  
20 wide.

21 (F) The Thirty-Second District court has district-wide  
22 jurisdiction;

23 (14)(A) The Thirty-Fourth District is composed of Union County.

24 (B) The Thirty-Fourth District has one (1)  
25 department located in El Dorado and one (1) state district court judge.

26 (C) The Thirty-Fourth District judge is elected district  
27 wide.

28 (D) The Thirty-Fourth District court has district-wide  
29 jurisdiction; and

30 (15)(A) The Thirty-Seventh District is composed of Miller  
31 County.

32 (B) Beginning January 1, 2017, the Thirty-Seventh District  
33 shall be composed of the counties of Miller and Lafayette.

34 (C) The Thirty-Seventh District shall have two (2)  
35 departments located in Texarkana.

36 (D) Beginning January 1, 2017, the Thirty-Seventh District

1 shall have three (3) additional departments as follows:

2 (i) One (1) located in Lewisville;

3 (ii) One (1) located in Bradley; and

4 (iii) One (1) located in Stamps.

5 (E) The Thirty-Seventh District is served by one (1) state  
6 district court judge.

7 (F) The Thirty-Seventh District judge is elected district  
8 wide.

9 (G) The Thirty-Seventh District court has district-wide  
10 jurisdiction.

11  
12 SECTION 10. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 17 is amended to add an  
13 additional section to read as follows:

14 16-17-1111. Reorganization of local district courts to state district  
15 courts.

16 (a)(1) Beginning January 1, 2013, the following cities and counties  
17 that are currently served by local district courts under § 16-17-901 et seq.  
18 shall be reorganized as state district courts and served by a state district  
19 court judge.

20 (2) The new state district court judgeships created by this  
21 section shall become effective January 1, 2013, and shall be placed on the  
22 ballot to be elected in the 2012 nonpartisan judicial election from the newly  
23 constructed judicial district.

24 (3) The cities and counties which were previously served by  
25 local district courts and will be served by state district courts shall  
26 comply with the cost-sharing requirements established in § 16-17-1106  
27 effective January 1, 2013.

28 (b)(1)(A) The Fifth District shall be composed of Crawford County.

29 (B) The Fifth District shall have five (5) departments as  
30 follows:

31 (i) One (1) located in Van Buren;

32 (ii) One (1) located in Mountainburg;

33 (iii) One (1) located in Alma;

34 (iv) One (1) located in Mulberry; and

35 (v) One (1) located in Dyer.

36 (C) The Fifth District shall be served by one (1) state

1 district court judge.

2 (D) The Fifth District judge shall be elected district  
3 wide.

4 (E) The Fifth District court shall have district-wide  
5 jurisdiction.

6 (2)(A) The Ninth District shall be composed of the counties of  
7 Faulkner and Van Buren.

8 (B) The Ninth District shall have eight (8) departments as  
9 follows:

10 (i) One (1) located in Conway;

11 (ii) One (1) located in Greenbrier;

12 (iii) One (1) located in Guy;

13 (iv) One (1) located in Mayflower;

14 (v) One (1) located in Mount Vernon;

15 (vi) One (1) located in Vilonia;

16 (vii) One (1) located in Clinton; and

17 (viii) One (1) located in Damascus.

18 (C) The Ninth District shall be served by two (2) state  
19 district court judges;

20 (i) One (1) judgeship first to be elected in  
21 2012 and to become effective January 1, 2013, shall be designated as Division  
22 1; and

23 (ii) One (1) judgeship first to be elected in  
24 2012 and to become effective January 1, 2013, shall be designated as Division  
25 2.

26 (D) The assignment of judges to departments under  
27 subdivision (b)(6)(B) of this section shall be determined by the mutual  
28 agreement of the state district court judges.

29 (E) The Ninth District judges shall be elected district  
30 wide.

31 (F) The Ninth District court shall have district-wide  
32 jurisdiction.

33 (3)(A) The Eleventh District shall be composed of the counties  
34 of Logan, Scott, and Yell.

35 (B) The Eleventh District shall have six (6) departments  
36 as follows:

- 1                   (i) One (1) located in Paris;
- 2                   (ii) One (1) located in Booneville;
- 3                   (iii) One (1) located in Magazine;
- 4                   (iv) One (1) located in Waldron;
- 5                   (v) One (1) located in Danville; and
- 6                   (vi) One (1) located in Dardanelle.

7                   (C) The Eleventh District shall be served by one (1) state  
8 district court judge.

9                   (D) The Eleventh District judge shall be elected district  
10 wide.

11                   (E) The Eleventh District court shall have district-wide  
12 jurisdiction.

13                   (4)(A) The Twelfth District shall be composed of the counties of  
14 Conway and Perry.

15                   (B) The Twelfth District shall have five (5) departments  
16 as follows:

- 17                   (i) One (1) located in Morrilton;
- 18                   (ii) One (1) located in Menifee;
- 19                   (iii) One (1) located in Oppelo;
- 20                   (iv) One (1) located in Plumerville; and
- 21                   (v) One (1) located in Perryville.

22                   (C) The Twelfth District shall be served by one (1) state  
23 district court judge.

24                   (D) The Twelfth District judge shall be elected district  
25 wide.

26                   (E) The Twelfth District court shall have district-wide  
27 jurisdiction.

28                   (5)(A) The Sixteenth District shall be composed of the counties  
29 of Jackson and Lawrence.

30                   (B) The Sixteenth District shall have eight (8)  
31 departments as follows:

- 32                   (i) One (1) located in Newport;
- 33                   (ii) One (1) located in Diaz;
- 34                   (iii) One (1) located in Swifton;
- 35                   (iv) One (1) located in Tuckerman;
- 36                   (v) One (1) located in Walnut Ridge;

- 1                   (vi) One (1) located in Hoxie;
- 2                   (vii) One (1) located in Black Rock; and
- 3                   (viii) One (1) located in Portia.
- 4                   (C) The Sixteenth District shall be served by one (1)
- 5 state district court judge.
- 6                   (D) The Sixteenth District judge shall be elected district
- 7 wide.
- 8                   (E) The Sixteenth District court shall have district-wide
- 9 jurisdiction.
- 10                  (6)(A) The Nineteenth District shall be composed of Craighead
- 11 County.
- 12                  (B) The Nineteenth District shall have two (2) departments
- 13 as follows:
- 14                   (i) One (1) department located in Jonesboro;
- 15 and
- 16                   (ii) One (1) department located in Lake City.
- 17                  (C) The Nineteenth District shall be served by two (2)
- 18 state
- 19 district court judges:
- 20                   (i) One (1) judgeship first to be elected in 2012
- 21 and to become effective January 1, 2013, shall be designated as Division 1;
- 22 and
- 23                   (ii) One (1) judgeship first to be elected in 2012
- 24 and to become effective January 1, 2013, shall be designated as Division 2.
- 25                  (D) The Nineteenth District judges shall be elected
- 26 district wide.
- 27                  (E) The Nineteenth District court shall have district-wide
- 28 jurisdiction.
- 29                  (7)(A) The Twenty-First District shall be composed of Crittenden
- 30 County.
- 31                  (B) The Twenty-First District shall have eight (8)
- 32 departments as follows:
- 33                   (i) One (1) located in Earle;
- 34                   (ii) One (1) located in Gilmore;
- 35                   (iii) One (1) located in Jennette;
- 36                   (iv) One (1) located in Jericho;

- 1                   (v) One (1) located in Marion;  
2                   (vi) One (1) located in Sunset;  
3                   (vii) One (1) located in Turrell; and  
4                   (viii) One (1) located in West Memphis.  
5                   (C) The Twenty-First District shall be served by one (1)  
6 state  
7 district court judge.  
8                   (D) The Twenty-First District judge shall be elected  
9 district wide.  
10                   (E) The Twenty-First District court shall have district-  
11 wide jurisdiction.  
12                   (8)(A) The Twenty-Third District shall be composed of White  
13 County.  
14                   (B) Beginning January 1, 2017, the Twenty-Third District  
15 shall be composed of the counties of White and Prairie.  
16                   (C) The Twenty-Third District shall have nine (9)  
17 departments as follows:  
18                   (i) One (1) located in Beebe;  
19                   (ii) One (1) located in Searcy;  
20                   (iii) One (1) located in Bald Knob;  
21                   (iv) One (1) located in Bradford;  
22                   (v) One (1) located in Judsonia;  
23                   (vi) One (1) located in McRae;  
24                   (vii) One (1) located in Kensett;  
25                   (viii) One (1) located in Pangburn; and  
26                   (ix) One (1) located in Rose Bud.  
27                   (D) Beginning January 1, 2017, the Twenty-Third District  
28 shall have four (4) additional departments as follows:  
29                   (i) One (1) located in Des Arc;  
30                   (ii) One (1) located in Hazen;  
31                   (iii) One (1) located in Biscoe; and  
32                   (iv) One (1) located in De Valls Bluff.  
33                   (E) The Twenty-Third District to be served by one (1)  
34 state district court judge.  
35                   (F) The Twenty-Third District judge shall be elected  
36 district wide.

1 (G) The Twenty-Third District court shall have district-  
2 wide jurisdiction.

3 (9)(A) The Twenty-Ninth District shall be composed of Jefferson  
4 County.

5 (B) Beginning January 1, 2017, the Twenty-Ninth District  
6 shall be composed of the counties of Jefferson and Lincoln.

7 (C) The Twenty-Ninth District shall have six (6)  
8 departments as follows:

9 (i) One (1) located in Pine Bluff;

10 (ii) One (1) located in Altheimer;

11 (iii) One (1) located in Humphrey;

12 (iv) One (1) located in White Hall;

13 (v) One (1) located in Wabbaseka; and

14 (vi) One (1) located in Redfield.

15 (D) Beginning January 1, 2017, the Twenty-Ninth District  
16 shall have three (3) additional departments as follows:

17 (i) One (1) located in Star City;

18 (ii) One (1) located in Grady; and

19 (iii) One (1) located in Gould.

20 (E)(i) The Twenty-Ninth District shall be served by two  
21 (2) state district court judges.

22 (ii) One (1) judgeship first to be elected in 2012  
23 and to become effective January 1, 2013, shall be designated as Division 1.

24 (iii) One (1) judgeship first to be elected in 2012  
25 and to become effective January 1, 2013, shall be designated as Division 2.

26 (F)(i) Beginning January 1, 2017, the Twenty-Ninth  
27 District shall be served by three (3) state district court judges.

28 (ii) The judgeship to first be elected in 2016 and  
29 to become effective January 1, 2017, shall be designated as Division 3.

30 (G) The assignment of judges to departments under  
31 subdivisions (b)(5)(C) and (D) of this section shall be determined by the  
32 mutual agreement of the state's district court judges.

33 (H) The Twenty-Ninth District judge shall be elected  
34 district wide.

35 (I) The Twenty-Ninth District court shall have district-  
36 wide jurisdiction.



1           (10)(A) The Thirty-Third District shall be composed of the  
2 counties of Grant and Hot Spring.

3           (B) The Thirty-Third District shall have five (5)  
4 departments as follows:

5                   (i) One (1) located in Sheridan;

6                   (ii) One (1) located in Malvern;

7                   (iii) One (1) located in Donaldson;

8                   (iv) One (1) located in Friendship; and

9                   (v) One (1) located in Rockport.

10           (D) The Thirty-Third District shall be served by one (1)  
11 state district court judge.

12           (D) The Thirty-Third District judge shall be elected  
13 district wide.

14           (E) The Thirty-Third District court shall have district-  
15 wide jurisdiction.

16           (11)(A) The Thirty-Fourth District shall be composed of Calhoun,  
17 Cleveland, and Dallas counties.

18           (B) The Thirty-Fourth District shall have four (4)  
19 departments as follows:

20                   (i) One (1) located in Hampton;

21                   (ii) One (1) located in Rison;

22                   (iii) One (1) located in Fordyce; and

23                   (iv) One (1) located in Sparkman.

24           (C) The Thirty-Fourth District shall be served by one (1)  
25 state district court judge.

26           (D) The Thirty-Fourth District judge shall be elected  
27 district wide.

28           (E) The Thirty-Fourth District court shall have district-  
29 wide jurisdiction.

30           (12)(A) The Thirty-Eighth District shall be composed of the  
31 counties of Hempstead and Nevada.

32           (B) The Thirty-Eighth District shall have two (2)  
33 departments as follows:

34                   (i) One (1) located in Hope; and

35                   (ii) One (1) located in Prescott.

36           (C) The Thirty-Eighth District shall be served by one (1)

1 state district court judge.

2 (D) The Thirty-Eighth District judge shall be elected  
3 district wide.

4 (E) The Thirty-Eighth District court shall have district-  
5 wide jurisdiction.

6  
7 SECTION 11. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 17 is amended to add an  
8 additional section to read as follows:

9 16-17-1112. Reorganization of local district courts to state district  
10 courts.

11 (a)(1) Beginning January 1, 2017, the following cities and counties  
12 that are currently served by local district courts pursuant to § 16-17-901 et  
13 seq. shall be reorganized as state district courts and served by a state  
14 district court judge.

15 (2) The new state district court judgeships created by this  
16 section shall become effective January 1, 2017, and shall be placed on the  
17 ballot to be elected in the 2016 nonpartisan judicial election from the newly  
18 constructed judicial district.

19 (3) The cities and counties which were previously served by  
20 local district courts and will be served by state district courts shall  
21 comply with the cost-sharing requirements established in § 16-17-1106,  
22 effective January 1, 2017.

23 (b)(1)(A) The Second District shall be composed of Washington County  
24 and the city limits of Springdale as of January 1, 2011, including that  
25 portion of the city of Springdale which extends into Benton County.

26 (B) The Second District shall have ten (10) departments as  
27 follows:

28 (i) One (1) located in Springdale;

29 (ii) One (1) located in Elm Springs;

30 (iii) One (1) located in Johnson;

31 (iv) One (1) located in Fayetteville;

32 (v) One (1) located in Elkins;

33 (vi) One (1) located in West Fork;

34 (vii) One (1) located in Greenland;

35 (viii) One (1) located in Prairie Grove;

36 (ix) One (1) located in Lincoln; and

- 1                   (x) One (1) located in Farmington.
- 2                   (C) The Second District shall be served by four (4) state  
3 district court judges;
- 4                   (i) One (1) judgeship first to be elected in 2016  
5 and to become effective January 1, 2017, shall be designated as Division 1;  
6                   (ii) One (1) judgeship first to be elected in 2016  
7 and to become effective January 1, 2017, shall be designated as Division 2;  
8                   (iii) One (1) judgeship first to be elected in 2016  
9 and to become effective January 1, 2017, shall be designated as Division 3;  
10 and
- 11                   (iv) One (1) judgeship first to be elected in 2016  
12 and to become effective January 1, 2017, shall be designated as Division 4.
- 13                   (D) The presiding judge of the departments under  
14 subdivision (b)(3)(B) of this section shall be determined by the mutual  
15 agreement of the state district court judges.
- 16                   (E) The Second District judges shall be elected district  
17 wide.
- 18                   (F) The Second District court shall have district-wide  
19 jurisdiction.
- 20                   (2)(A) The Third District shall be composed of the counties of  
21 Carroll and Madison.
- 22                   (B) The Third District shall have three (3) departments as  
23 follows:
- 24                   (i) One (1) located in Berryville;  
25                   (ii) One (1) located in Eureka Springs; and  
26                   (iii) One (1) located in Huntsville.
- 27                   (C) The Third District shall be served by one (1) state  
28 district court judge.
- 29                   (D) The Third District judge shall be elected district  
30 wide.
- 31                   (E) The Third District court shall have district-wide  
32 jurisdiction.
- 33                   (3)(A) The Seventh District shall be composed of the counties of  
34 Franklin and Johnson.
- 35                   (B) The Seventh District shall have six (6) departments as  
36 follows:

- 1                   (i) One (1) located in Charleston;  
2                   (ii) One (1) located in Ozark;  
3                   (iii) One (1) located in Altus;  
4                   (iv) One (1) located in Clarksville;  
5                   (v) One (1) located in Coal Hill; and  
6                   (vi) One (1) located in Lamar.

7                   (C) The Seventh District shall be served by one (1) state  
8 district court judge.

9                   (D) The Seventh District judge shall be elected district  
10 wide.

11                   (E) The Seventh District court shall have district-wide  
12 jurisdiction.

13                   (4)(A) The Fifteenth District shall be composed of the counties  
14 of Randolph and Sharp.

15                   (B) The Fifteenth District shall have three (3)  
16 departments as follows:

- 17                   (i) One (1) located in Pocahontas;  
18                   (ii) One (1) located in Ash Flat; and  
19                   (iii) One (1) located in Cherokee Village.

20                   (C) The Fifteenth District shall be served by one (1)  
21 state district court judge.

22                   (D) The Fifteenth District judge shall be elected district  
23 wide.

24                   (E) The Fifteenth District court shall have district-wide  
25 jurisdiction.

26                   (5)(A) The Twenty-Second District shall be composed of the  
27 counties of Cross and Woodruff.

28                   (B) The Twenty-Second District shall have seven (7)  
29 departments as follows:

- 30                   (i) One (1) located in Wynne;  
31                   (ii) One (1) located in Cherry Valley;  
32                   (iii) One (1) located in Parkin;  
33                   (iv) One (1) located in Augusta;  
34                   (v) One (1) located in Cotton Plant;  
35                   (vi) One (1) located in McCrory; and  
36                   (vii) One (1) located in Patterson.

1 (C) The Twenty-Second District shall be served by one (1)  
2 state district court judge.

3 (D) The Twenty-Second District judge shall be elected  
4 district wide.

5 (E) The Twenty-Second District court shall have district-  
6 wide jurisdiction.

7 (6)(A) The Twenty-Fourth District shall be composed of the  
8 counties of Arkansas and Monroe.

9 (B) The Twenty-Fourth District shall have seven (7)  
10 departments as follows:

11 (i) One (1) located in Stuttgart;

12 (ii) One (1) located in Dewitt;

13 (iii) One (1) located in Gillett;

14 (iv) One (1) located in St. Charles;

15 (v) One (1) located in Brinkley;

16 (vi) One (1) located in Clarendon; and

17 (vii) One (1) located in Holly Grove.

18 (C) The Twenty-Fourth District shall be served by one (1)  
19 state district court judge.

20 (D) The Twenty-Fourth District judge shall be elected  
21 district wide.

22 (E) The Twenty-Fourth District court shall have district-  
23 wide jurisdiction.

24 (7)(A) The Twenty-Sixth District shall be composed of the  
25 counties of Lee and Phillips.

26 (B) The Twenty-Sixth District shall have five (5)  
27 departments as follows:

28 (i) One (1) located in Marianna;

29 (ii) One (1) located in Helena-West Helena;

30 (iii) One (1) located in Lake View;

31 (iv) One (1) located in Elaine; and

32 (v) One (1) located in Marvell.

33 (C) The Twenty-Sixth District shall be served by one (1)  
34 state district court judge.

35 (D) The Twenty-Sixth District judge shall be elected  
36 district wide.

1                   (E) The Twenty-Sixth District court shall have district-  
2 wide jurisdiction.

3                   (8)(A) The Twenty-Seventh District shall be composed of the  
4 counties of Desha and Chicot.

5                   (B) The Twenty-Seventh District shall have five (5)  
6 departments as follows:

7                   (i) One (1) located in Dermott;

8                   (ii) One (1) located in Eudora;

9                   (iii) One (1) located in Lake Village;

10                  (iv) One (1) located in Dumas; and

11                  (v) One (1) located in McGehee.

12                  (C) The Twenty-Seventh District shall be served by one (1)  
13 state district court judge.

14                  (D) The Twenty-Seventh District judge shall be elected  
15 district wide.

16                  (E) The Twenty-Seventh District court shall have district-  
17 wide jurisdiction.

18                  (9)(A) The Twenty-Eighth District shall be composed of the  
19 counties of Ashley, Bradley, and Drew.

20                  (B) The Twenty-Eighth District shall have four (4)  
21 departments as follows:

22                  (i) One (1) located in Crossett;

23                  (ii) One (1) located in Hamburg;

24                  (iii) One (1) located in Monticello; and

25                  (iv) One (1) located in Warren.

26                  (C) The Twenty-Eighth District shall be served by one (1)  
27 state district court judge.

28                  (D) The Twenty-Eighth District judge shall be elected  
29 district wide.

30                  (E) The Twenty-Eighth District court shall have district-  
31 wide jurisdiction.

32                  (10)(A) The Twenty-Ninth District shall be composed of Lonoke  
33 County.

34                  (B) The Twenty-Ninth District shall have seven (7)  
35 departments as follows:

36                  (i) One (1) located in Cabot;

- 1                    (ii) One (1) located in Ward;
- 2                    (iii) One (1) located in Austin;
- 3                    (iv) One (1) located in Lonoke;
- 4                    (v) One (1) located in England;
- 5                    (vi) One (1) located in Carlisle; and
- 6                    (vii) One (1) located in Allport.

7                    (C) The Twenty-Ninth District shall be served by one (1)  
8 state district court judge.

9                    (D) The Twenty-Ninth District judge shall be elected  
10 district wide.

11                   (E) The Twenty-Ninth District court shall have district-  
12 wide jurisdiction.

13                   (11)(A) The Thirty-Sixth District shall be composed of the  
14 counties of Columbia and Ouachita.

15                   (B) The Thirty-Sixth District shall have seven (7)  
16 departments as follows:

- 17                    (i) One (1) located in Magnolia;
- 18                    (ii) One (1) located in Waldo;
- 19                    (iii) One (1) located in Camden;
- 20                    (iv) One (1) located in East Camden;
- 21                    (v) One (1) located in Bearden;
- 22                    (vi) One (1) located in Chidester; and
- 23                    (vii) One (1) located in Stephens.

24                   (C) The Thirty-Sixth District shall be served by one (1)  
25 state district court judge.

26                   (D) The Thirty-Sixth District judge shall be elected  
27 district wide.

28                   (E) The Thirty-Sixth District court shall have district-  
29 wide jurisdiction.

30                   (12)(A) The Thirty-Ninth District shall be composed of the  
31 counties of Howard, Little River, Pike, and Sevier.

32                   (B) The Thirty-Ninth District shall have seven (7)  
33 departments as follows:

- 34                    (i) One (1) located in Nashville;
- 35                    (ii) One (1) located in Ashdown;
- 36                    (iii) One (1) located in Foreman;

- 1                   (iv) One (1) located in Winthrop;
- 2                   (v) One (1) located in Glenwood;
- 3                   (vi) One (1) located in Murfreesboro; and
- 4                   (vii) One (1) located in De Queen.

5                   (C) The Thirty-Ninth District shall be served by one (1)  
6 state district court judge.

7                   (D) The Thirty-Ninth District judge shall be elected  
8 district wide.

9                   (E) The Thirty-Ninth District court shall have district-  
10 wide jurisdiction.

11                  (13)(A) The Fortieth District shall be composed of the counties  
12 of Clark, Montgomery, and Polk.

13                  (B) The Fortieth District shall have six (6) departments  
14 as follows:

- 15                   (i) One (1) located in Arkadelphia;
- 16                   (ii) One (1) located in Amity;
- 17                   (iii) One (1) located in Caddo Valley;
- 18                   (iv) One (1) located in Gurdon;
- 19                   (v) One (1) located in Mena; and
- 20                   (vi) One (1) located in Mt. Ida.

21                  (C) The Fortieth shall be served by one (1) state district  
22 court judge.

23                  (D) The Fortieth District judge shall be elected district  
24 wide.

25                  (E) The Fortieth District court shall have district-wide  
26 jurisdiction.

27                  (14)(A) The Forty-First District shall be composed of Garland  
28 County.

29                  (B) The Forty-First District shall have three (3)  
30 departments as follows:

- 31                   (i) Two (2) located in Hot Springs; and
- 32                   (ii) One (1) located in Mountain Pine.

33                  (C) The Forty-First District shall be served by two (2)  
34 state district court judges.

35                  (D) The Forty-First District judges shall be elected  
36 district wide.



1                   (E) The Forty-First District court shall have district-  
2 wide jurisdiction.

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