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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 703

5 By: Senator R. Thompson  
6 By: Representatives Lenderman, B. Wilkins  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE IN  
9 CRAIGHEAD COUNTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

11 TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE  
12 IN CRAIGHEAD COUNTY.  
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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-17-906 is amended to read as follows:  
19 16-17-906. Craighead County District Court.

20 (a)(1) Craighead County shall have one (1) district court with two (2)  
21 departments.  
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23 (2)(A) One (1) department shall be located in Jonesboro; and

24 (B) One (1) department shall be located in Lake City.

25 (3) Both departments are to be served by ~~one (1) judge~~ two (2)  
26 judges.  
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28 (b) The Craighead County District Court ~~Judge~~ judges shall be elected  
29 countywide.

30 (c) The Craighead County District Court shall have countywide  
31 jurisdiction.  
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-17-1109 is amended to read as follows:  
34 16-17-1103. Creation of pilot state district court judgeships.

35 (a) There are established ~~twenty-five (25)~~ twenty-six (26) pilot state  
36 district court judgeships.



1 (b) The following counties or judicial districts of a county and the  
2 towns and cities in that county or judicial districts of a county in which a  
3 district court is located shall participate in a program of full-time pilot  
4 state district court judges:

- 5 (1) Baxter;
- 6 (2) Benton;
- 7 (3) Boone;
- 8 (4) Cleburne;
- 9 (5) Craighead – Jonesboro Department;
- 10 ~~(5)(6)~~ Greene;
- 11 ~~(6)(7)~~ Independence;
- 12 ~~(7)(8)~~ Miller;
- 13 ~~(8)(9)~~ Mississippi – Chickasawba District;
- 14 ~~(9)(10)~~ Poinsett;
- 15 ~~(10)(11)~~ Pope;
- 16 ~~(11)(12)~~ Pulaski – Jacksonville District Court; North Little  
17 Rock District Court, Department 1 and Department 2; and Pulaski County  
18 District Court;
- 19 ~~(12)(13)~~ St. Francis;
- 20 ~~(13)(14)~~ Saline;
- 21 ~~(14)(15)~~ Sebastian; and
- 22 ~~(15)(16)~~ Union.
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