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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1880

5 By: Representatives Dalby, M. Gray
6 By: Senator J. Sturch
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISTRICT COURTS OF
10 INDEPENDENCE, FULTON, AND IZARD COUNTIES; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 CONCERNING THE DISTRICT COURTS OF
16 INDEPENDENCE, FULTON, AND IZARD COUNTIES.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-17-1113(f), concerning the transition to
22 state district courts for Independence, Fulton, and Izard counties in 2021,
23 is repealed.

24 ~~(f)(1) The Fourteenth District is composed of the counties of~~
25 ~~Independence, Fulton, and Izard.~~

26 ~~(2) The Fourteenth District has six (6) departments as follows:~~

27 ~~(A) One (1) located in Batesville;~~

28 ~~(B) One (1) located in Melbourne;~~

29 ~~(C) One (1) located in Calico Rock;~~

30 ~~(D) One (1) located in Horseshoe Bend;~~

31 ~~(E) One (1) located in Salem; and~~

32 ~~(F) One (1) located in Mammoth Spring.~~

33 ~~(3) The Fourteenth District is served by one (1) state district~~
34 ~~court judge.~~

35 ~~(4) The Fourteenth District judge is elected districtwide.~~

36 ~~(5) The Fourteenth District court has districtwide jurisdiction.~~



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 2 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 17, Subchapter 11, is
 3 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

4 16-17-1115. Reorganization of local district courts to state district
 5 courts as of January 1, 2025.

6 (a)(1) Beginning January 1, 2025, Independence County, Fulton County,
 7 and Izard County, currently being served by a local district court under §
 8 16-17-901 et seq. shall be reorganized as a state district court and served
 9 by state district court judges as assigned.

10 (2) The new state district court judgeship created by this
 11 section shall become effective January 1, 2025, and shall be placed on the
 12 ballot to be elected in the 2024 nonpartisan judicial election from the newly
 13 constructed state district court district.

14 (3) The counties that were previously served by local district
 15 courts and will be served by state district courts shall comply with the
 16 cost-sharing requirements established in § 16-17-1106, effective January 1,
 17 2025.

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