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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1616

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING RETIRED DISTRICT COURT JUDGES;
CONCERNING APPOINTED SPECIAL JUDGES; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING RETIRED DISTRICT COURT JUDGES;
AND CONCERNING APPOINTED SPECIAL JUDGES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-10-119 is amended to read as follows:

16-10-119. Travel expenses of judges.

(a) From the appropriation provided to the Auditor of State for trial judges' expenses, a circuit court judge or a district court judge is authorized to be reimbursed for ~~those~~ travel expenses at the rate ~~as~~ authorized for state employees and for mileage at the rate established in the state travel rules for state employees while traveling within the state in the performance of ~~their~~ his or her official duties.

(b) When a circuit court judge or a district court judge is appointed by the Chief Justice to hear a case or cases in a jurisdiction outside of that in which he or she ~~is~~ has been elected, he or she shall be entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses and mileage as provided in subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-10-901 is amended to read as follows:

16-10-901. ~~"Retired judge" defined~~ Retired judges – Definition.

~~For purposes of~~ As used in this subchapter, ~~a retired judge is~~ "retired



1 judge" means a former ~~circuit~~:

2 (1) Circuit court judge, chancery court judge, circuit-chancery
 3 court judge, Court of Appeals judge, or Supreme Court justice, receiving
 4 benefits under the Arkansas Judicial Retirement System; and

5 (2) Municipal court judge or district court judge, receiving
 6 benefits under the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System.

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 8 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 16-10-902 is amended to read as follows:

9 16-10-902. Amount of compensation.

10 (a) A retired judge appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme
 11 Court as a special judge under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 80, and the
 12 rules prescribed by the Supreme Court shall receive compensation, in addition
 13 to his or her retirement benefits, at one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) the rate as fixed by law
 14 for a regularly elected ~~circuit judge~~:

15 (1) Circuit court judge, if the retired judge served at any time
 16 as a circuit court judge; or

17 (2) District court judge, if the retired judge served only as a
 18 district court judge.

19 (b) The compensation paid under subsection (a) of this section shall
 20 be paid from the appropriation provided to the Auditor of State for special
 21 and recalled judges for the circuit or district courts.

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 23 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 16-10-904 is amended to read as follows:

24 16-10-904. Mileage and expenses.

25 In addition to the per diem compensation provided by this subchapter, a
 26 special judge serving under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 80, shall
 27 receive expenses and mileage reimbursement from the appropriation provided to
 28 the Auditor of State for special and recalled judges for the circuit courts
 29 and district courts at the rate ~~as~~ prescribed in § 16-10-119.