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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1201

By: Representatives Ballinger, McNair

By: Senator Standridge

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING STATE DISTRICT COURTS; CONCERNING  
THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

CONCERNING STATE DISTRICT COURTS;  
CONCERNING THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT;  
AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-17-1112(b)(2), concerning the Third District of the state district court system, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) The Third District shall be composed of the counties of Carroll and Madison.

(B) The Third District shall have ~~three (3)~~ four (4) departments as follows:

- (i) One (1) located in Berryville;
- (ii) One (1) located in Eureka Springs; ~~and~~
- (iii) One (1) located in Huntsville; and
- (iv) One (1) located in Green Forest.

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

(D) The Third District judge shall be elected districtwide.

(E) The Third District court shall have districtwide



jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that a state district court has been approved in Green Forest; that it is in the interest of Arkansas and the Third District to promote an efficient and fair judiciary; and that this act is immediately necessary because the people served by the Third District are entitled to the operation of a district court in Green Forest. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

*/s/Ballinger*

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