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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1424

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF  
OFFICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH  
OF OFFICE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-2-105(a), concerning who may administer an oath of office, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The Governor shall take the oath of office before:

(A) A justice or judge of the:

(i) Supreme Court;

(ii) Court of Appeals; ~~or~~

(iii) Circuit court; or

(iv) District court;

(B) The county clerk; or

(C) The clerk of the circuit court.

(2) The justices of the Supreme Court, judges of the Court of Appeals, judges of the circuit courts, judges of the district court, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, and Auditor of State shall take their oaths before:

(A) The Governor;

(B) A justice or judge of the:

(i) Supreme Court;



(ii) Court of Appeals; ~~or~~

(iii) Circuit court; or

(iv) District court;

(C) The clerk of the county court; or

(D) The clerk of the circuit court.

(3) All other officers, both civil and military, shall take their oaths before:

(A) The Secretary of State or his or her official designee;

(B) A justice or judge of the:

(i) Supreme Court;

(ii) Court of Appeals;

(iii) Circuit court;

(iv) District court; or

(v) County court;

(C) The clerk of the county court;

(D) The clerk of the circuit court;

(E) A justice of the peace;

(F) A clerk of a city of the first class; or

(G) A recorder of a city of the second class or incorporated

town.

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