

# ARKANSAS SENATE

81st GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
Regular Session, 1997

## Amendment Form

Amendment No. \_\_\_\_\_ to SENATE Bill No. 568

Amend SENATE Bill No. 568 as originally introduced  
by

deleting line 6 on page 1 in its entirety and substituting therefor the following: "Hoofman, Canada, Lewellen, and Kennedy";

AND

by deleting the Title in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH DISTRICTS FOR THE COURT OF APPEALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.";

AND

by deleting the Subtitle in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

"TO ESTABLISH DISTRICTS FOR THE COURT OF APPEALS";

AND

by deleting Sections 1 through 11 in their entireties and substituting therefor the following:

SECTION 1. Effective January 1, 1999, the Court of Appeals Districts shall be as follows:

(a) District 1A shall be composed of the counties of Mississippi,

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Crittenden, St. Francis, Lee, Phillips, and Arkansas;

(b) District 1B shall be composed of the counties of Monroe, Prairie,  
Greene, Woodruff, Cross, Jackson, Poinsett, and Craighead;

(c) District 1C shall be composed of the counties of Independence,  
Clay, Randolph, Sharp, Fulton, Izard, Stone, Cleburne, Searcy, Marion, Baxter,  
and Lawrence;

(d) District 2A shall be composed of the counties of Pulaski and  
Lonoke;

(e) District 2B shall be composed of the counties of Pulaski and  
Lonoke;

(f) District 2C shall be composed of the counties of Pope, Conway, Van  
Buren, Faulkner, and White;

(g) District 3A shall be composed of the counties of Yell, Perry,  
Garland, Madison, Newton, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, and Hot Spring;

(h) District 3B shall be composed of the counties of Benton,  
Washington, Crawford, Carroll, Boone, and Sebastian;

(i) District 3C shall be composed of the counties of Benton,  
Washington, Crawford, Carroll, Boone, and Sebastian;

(j) District 4A shall be composed of the counties of Little River,  
Sevier, Howard, Pike, Montgomery, Hempstead, Miller, Lafayette, Nevada, Scott,  
Polk, and Columbia;

(k) District 4B shall be composed of the counties of Grant, Dallas,

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Saline, Jefferson, Cleveland, and Lincoln;

(1) District 4C shall be composed of the counties of Bradley, Ashley, Drew, Desha, Ouachita, Calhoun, Clark, Union, and Chicot.

SECTION 2. At the general election in 1998, one member of the Court of Appeals shall be elected from District 1A, one member shall be elected from District 2A, one member shall be elected from District 2C, one member shall be elected from District 3B, one member shall be elected from District 4A, and one member shall be elected from District 4B. The six (6) members of the Court of Appeals elected at the general election in 1998 shall by lot draw terms of office so that two (2) will serve four (4) year terms, two (2) will serve six (6) year terms, and two (2) will serve eight (8) year terms. Their successors shall serve full eight (8) year terms.

SECTION 3. At the general election in 2000, one member of the Court of Appeals shall be elected from District 1B, and one member shall be elected from District 2B. The Court of Appeals Judge currently serving from the current District 1 shall serve as the Court of Appeals Judge of District 1B for the remainder of his current term. The Court of Appeals Judge currently serving from current District 6 shall serve as the Court of Appeals Judge of District 2B for the remainder of her current term.

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SECTION 4. At the general election in 2002, one member of the Court of Appeals shall be elected from District 1C, and one member shall be elected from District 3C. The Court of Appeals Judge currently serving from the current District 2 shall serve as the Court of Appeals Judge of District 1C for the remainder of his current term. The Court of Appeals Judge currently serving from current District 3 shall serve as the Court of Appeals Judge of District 3C for the remainder of his current term.

SECTION 5. At the general election in 2004, one member of the Court of Appeals shall be elected from District 3A, and one member shall be elected from District 4C. The Court of Appeals Judge currently serving from the current District 4 shall serve as the Court of Appeals Judge of District 3A for the remainder of his current term. The Court of Appeals Judge currently serving from current District 5 shall serve as the Court of Appeals Judge of District 4C for the remainder of his current term."

SECTION 6. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 7. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect

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other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 8. (a) Arkansas Code Annotated §§ 16-12-101(c)(2) and 16-12-101(d) as amended by Acts 11 and 15 of 1995 First Extraordinary Session are repealed:

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (2) The qualified electors of the Court of Appeals Districts established in compliance with subsection (c) of this section shall elect the additional Court of Appeals judges at the November, 1998 general election to take office on January 1, 1999.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (d) Two (2) of the additional Court of Appeals judges elected pursuant to subsection (c)(2) of this section shall be elected to an initial term of four (4) years; two (2) shall be elected to an initial term of six (6) years; and two (2) shall be elected to an initial term of eight (8) years. The initial terms of these additional judges shall be determined by lot during the first public session of the court after their elected terms shall commence. Thereafter, these judges shall be elected for full eight (8) year terms. Each of the judges shall be a resident of the district from which elected and shall have the same qualifications for holding office and shall receive the same salary, expenses and other allowances as provided by law for other judges of the Court of Appeals.~~

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(b) All other laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed."

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