

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 83rd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2001

A Bill

SENATE BILL 951

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5 By: Senator Miller
6 By: Representatives Weaver, Hickinbotham, Milligan

For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 16-13-2403 TO
11 CREATE A NEW CIRCUIT JUDGESHIP IN THE SIXTEENTH
12 JUDICIAL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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15 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 16-13-2403
16 TO CREATE A NEW CIRCUIT JUDGESHIP IN THE
17 SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

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

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 16-13-2403, concerning judges of the
23 Sixteenth Judicial District, is amended to add an additional subsection to
24 read as follows:

25 (d)(1) Effective July 1, 2001, there is created in the Sixteenth
26 Judicial District an additional circuit judgeship, which shall have
27 jurisdiction in law, equity, and probate.

28 (2) The Governor shall appoint a qualified person to temporarily
29 fill the Sixteenth Judicial District circuit judgeship created by this
30 subsection (d), and the appointed person shall serve until December 31, 2002,
31 or until a successor has been elected and qualified, whichever occurs last.

32 (3) The qualified electors of the district shall elect the
33 additional circuit judge created by this subsection (d) at the November,
34 2002, General Election to take office on January 1, 2003. The additional
35 judge shall be elected from the district and shall satisfy the same
36 qualifications for holding office and shall receive the same salary,

1 expenses, and other allowances as provided by law for judges of the circuit
2 courts. The judge shall serve for elected terms of six (6) years.

3 (4) The counties which comprise the Sixteenth Judicial District
4 shall provide courtroom and office facilities and supplies for the judge of
5 the judgeship created by this subsection (d), which shall be paid out of the
6 county treasuries in the same manner as other demands against the counties,
7 out of funds appropriated by the respective quorum courts of the counties for
8 such purposes.

9 (5) There shall be provided for the judge of the judgeship
10 created by this subsection (d) a court reporter and a trial court
11 administrative assistant whose salaries shall be fixed and paid in the manner
12 provided by law for court reporters and trial court administrative assistants
13 of the circuit courts of this state.

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15 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
16 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the caseload of the Sixteenth
17 Judicial District necessitates the appointment of an additional judge
18 immediately. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being
19 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
20 safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor.
21 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become
22 effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor
23 may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
24 overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides
25 the veto.

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