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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1260

By: Representatives Vines, Gates

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REORGANIZATION OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT COURTS TO STATE DISTRICT COURTS IN THE FORTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE REORGANIZATION OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT COURTS TO STATE DISTRICT COURTS IN THE FORTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-17-1112(b)(6), concerning reorganization of local district courts to state district courts in the Forty-First District as of January 1, 2017, is repealed.

~~(6)(A) The Forty-First District shall be composed of Garland County.~~

~~(B) The Forty-First District shall have three (3) departments as follows:~~

~~(i) Two (2) located in Hot Springs; and~~

~~(ii) One (1) located in Mountain Pine.~~

~~(C) The Forty-First District shall be served by two (2) state district court judges.~~

~~(D) The Forty-First District judges shall be elected districtwide.~~



~~(E) The Forty-First District court shall have district-wide jurisdiction.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 17, Subchapter 11, is amended to add a new section to read as follows:

16-17-1113. Reorganization of local district courts to state district courts of the Forty-First Judicial District as of January 1, 2021.

(a)(1) Beginning January 1, 2021, the cities and counties of the Forty-First Judicial District that are currently served by local district courts under § 16-17-901 et seq. shall be reorganized into a state district court district and served by state district court judges as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

(2) The new state district court judgeships created in the Forty-First Judicial District by this section shall become effective January 1, 2021, and shall be placed on the ballot to be elected in the 2020 nonpartisan judicial election from the newly constructed state district court district.

(3) The cities and counties of the Forty-First Judicial District that were previously served by local district courts and will be served by a state district courts shall comply with the cost-sharing requirements established in § 16-17-1106, effective January 1, 2021.

(b)(1) The Forty-First Judicial District shall be composed of Garland County.

(2) The Forty-First District shall have three (3) departments as follows:

(A) Two (2) located in Hot Springs; and

(B) One (1) located in Mountain Pine.

(3) The Forty-First Judicial District shall be served by two (2) state district court judges.

(4) The Forty-First Judicial District judges shall be elected districtwide.

(5) The Forty-First Judicial District courts shall have district-wide jurisdiction.