

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 450

By: Senator B. King

### **For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BACKGROUNDS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED  
BY OR WHO CONTRACT WITH THE JUDICIARY; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### **Subtitle**

CONCERNING THE BACKGROUNDS OF PERSONS  
EMPLOYED BY OR WHO CONTRACT WITH THE  
JUDICIARY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 10, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

16-10-139. Employment or contracting disqualification due to a criminal offense.

(a) Subject to a contrary rule or order by the Supreme Court, unless otherwise provided for under subsection (b) of this section, a person who has been convicted of a felony or Class A misdemeanor may not be or remain employed by or contract with the following judicial entities:

- (1) A district court;
- (2) A district court clerk's office;
- (3) A circuit court;
- (4) A circuit court clerk's office; or
- (5) The Administrative Office of the Courts.

(b) A person who is otherwise disqualified from being employed by or contracting for services with a judicial entity under subsection (a) of this section may be or remain employed by or contract for services with a judicial



entity under subsection (a) of this section if the person's sentence for the felony or Class A misdemeanor was completed ten (10) years or more before the employment or contracting of services.

(c) The limitation on employment under this section does not require that the entities described in subsection (a) of this section either require or complete an official criminal background check as a condition of employment.

*/s/B. King*