

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1035

By: Representative Rye

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING AN EXPANDED ROLE FOR RETIRED
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES IN THE JUDICIARY; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING AN EXPANDED ROLE FOR RETIRED
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES IN THE JUDICIARY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-13-103 is amended to read as follows:

16-13-103. Special judges – Compensation – Expenses.

(a)(1) A licensed attorney or retired circuit court judge who is elected as a special judge of the circuit court under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 80, and the rules prescribed by the Supreme Court may request compensation at one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) the rate as fixed by law for a regularly elected circuit judge.

(2) This section does not allow a special judge to receive compensation for any days that he or she is not actually serving in his or her appointed capacity.

(b) The compensation provided for in this section shall be paid from the appropriation provided to the Auditor of State for special and recalled judges for the circuit courts, upon certification by the clerk of the court in which the special circuit judge was elected stating the number of days or a portion of a day served, under the rules prescribed by the Supreme Court.

(c)(1) To the extent authorized by Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 80, a retired circuit court judge may be appointed by the Supreme Court to a



judicial circuit as a special judge in addition to the other circuit court judges provided for by law in the judicial circuit in order to relieve case backlogs, slow dockets, provide expertise in complex cases, or otherwise ease the burden on an overworked court.

(2) A special judge appointed under this subsection:

(A) May serve for a certain time period or until certain institutional or judicial goals or benchmarks are met, as determined by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; and

(B) Is entitled to all rights, privileges, and allowances otherwise provided for the other circuit court judges of the judicial circuit to which the special judge is appointed.