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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1971

By: Representative Beck

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING DISTRICT COURTS; CONCERNING THE
DISTRICT COURTS OF THE THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL
DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING DISTRICT COURTS; AND
CONCERNING THE DISTRICT COURTS OF THE
THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-17-1113(m), concerning the state district courts for the Thirty-First Judicial District as it will be constituted on January 1, 2021, is amended to read as follows:

(m)(1) The Thirty-First District is composed of the counties of Pulaski and Perry.

(2) The Thirty-First District has twelve (12) departments as follows:

(A) One (1) located in Jacksonville, to be known as Jacksonville District Court;

(B) Four (4) located in Little Rock, to be known as:

(i) Little Rock District Court – First Division;

(ii) Little Rock District Court – Second Division;

(iii) Little Rock District Court – Third Division;

and

(iv) Pulaski County District Court;

(C) One (1) located in Maumelle, to be known as Maumelle



District Court;

(D) Two (2) located in North Little Rock, to be known as:

(i) North Little Rock District Court – First

Division; and

(ii) North Little Rock District Court – Second

Division;

(E) One (1) located in Sherwood, to be known as Sherwood

District Court;

(F) One (1) located in Wrightsville, to be known as

Wrightsville District Court;

(G) One (1) located in Cammack Village, to be known as

Cammack Village District Court; and

(H) One (1) located in Perryville, to be known as

Perryville District Court.

(3) The Thirty-First District shall be served by ~~eight (8)~~ nine (9) state district judges. All the following judges shall be elected districtwide and shall have districtwide jurisdiction:

(A) The Jacksonville District Court and the Maumelle District Court shall be served by one (1) judge;

(B) The Little Rock District Court – First Division shall be served by one (1) judge;

(C) The Little Rock District Court – Second Division shall be served by one (1) judge;

(D) The Little Rock District Court – Third Division, the Wrightsville District Court, and the Cammack Village District Court shall be served by one (1) judge;

(E) The North Little Rock District Court – First Division shall be served by one (1) judge;

(F) The North Little Rock District Court – Second Division shall be served by one (1) judge;

(G) The Pulaski County District Court shall be served by one (1) judge;

(H) The Sherwood District Court shall be served by one (1) judge; and

(I) (i) The Perryville District Court shall be served by one (1) ~~of the district court judges listed under subdivisions (m)(3)(A)–(H)~~

~~of this section~~ judge.

(ii) The Perryville District Court judge shall primarily preside over the Perryville District Court, but may preside over other matters in the district as time and caseload permit, as determined by the administrative plan for the district required by Administrative Order No. 18 of the Supreme Court.