

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

HOUSE BILL 2229

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5 By: Representatives Childers, Hathorn, Carson, Ledbetter, C. Taylor

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CLARIFY AND RESTATE EXISTING LAW REGARDING
10 MUNICIPAL COURTS AND TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES IN
11 MUNICIPAL/DISTRICT COURTS PURSUANT TO AMENDMENT 80 TO
12 THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION; TO PROVIDE FOR A METHOD OF
13 FILLING VACANCIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 TO CLARIFY THE LAW REGARDING MUNICIPAL
17 COURTS AND TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES IN
18 MUNICIPAL/DISTRICT COURTS PURSUANT TO
19 AMENDMENT 80 TO THE ARKANSAS
20 CONSTITUTION.

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

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25 SECTION 1. (a) All municipal courts, corporation courts, police
26 courts, justice of the peace courts, and courts of common pleas now in
27 existence shall be known as district courts and all judges of the former
28 courts will be known as district judges.

29 (b) District courts shall have the jurisdiction vested in the
30 presently established municipal courts, corporation courts, police courts,
31 justice of the peace courts, and courts of common pleas.

32 (c) All fines, penalties and costs received by the district courts
33 shall continue to be collected and distributed in the manner provided by
34 current laws affecting municipal courts, corporation courts, police courts,
35 justice of the peace courts, and courts of common pleas unless and until the
36 General Assembly establishes a new method of distribution.

1 (d) All salaries, retirement benefits, programs, and monies of judges,
2 clerks, and court employees of municipal courts, corporation courts, police
3 courts, justice of the peace courts, and courts of common pleas, will
4 continue to be vested and paid to the judges, clerks, and court employees of
5 district courts pending further acts of the General Assembly.

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7 SECTION 2. A vacancy in a district court judgeship shall be filled in
8 the same manner and subject to the same restrictions as for vacancies under
9 Amendment 29 of the Arkansas Constitution.

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11 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
12 General Assembly that with the approval by the voters of Arkansas of
13 Amendment 80 of the Arkansas Constitution, the effectiveness of this act on
14 July 1, 2001 is essential to the operation of the state court system, and
15 that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the
16 effective date of this act beyond July 1, 2001 could work irreparable harm
17 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
18 progress. 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 from and after July 1, 2001.

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