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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1597

5 By: Representative Dalby  
6 By: Senator A. Clark  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION  
10 OF THE OATH OF OFFICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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13 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE  
14 ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-2-105(a), concerning who may administer  
20 an oath of office, is amended to read as follows:

21 (a)(1) The Governor shall take the oath of office before:

22 (A) A justice or judge of the:

23 (i) Supreme Court;

24 (ii) Court of Appeals;

25 (iii) Circuit court; or

26 (iv) District court;

27 (B) The county clerk; or

28 (C) The clerk of the circuit court.

29 (2) The justices of the Supreme Court, judges of the Court of  
30 Appeals, judges of the circuit courts, judges of the district court,  
31 Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, and Auditor of State shall take their  
32 oaths before:

33 (A) The Governor;

34 (B) A justice or judge of the:

35 (i) Supreme Court;

36 (ii) Court of Appeals;



1 (iii) Circuit court, including any former circuit or  
 2 chancery judge who served for at least four (4) years; or

3 (iv) District court, including any former municipal  
 4 or district judge who served for at least four (4) years;

5 (C) The clerk of the county court; or

6 (D) The clerk of the circuit court.

7 (3) All other officers, both civil and military, shall take  
 8 their oaths before:

9 (A) The Secretary of State or his or her official  
 10 designee;

11 (B) A justice or judge of the:

12 (i) Supreme Court;

13 (ii) Court of Appeals;

14 (iii) Circuit court, including any former circuit or  
 15 chancery judge who served for at least four (4) years;

16 (iv) District court, including any former municipal  
 17 or district judge who served for at least four (4) years; or

18 (v) County court;

19 (C) The clerk of the county court;

20 (D) The clerk of the circuit court;

21 (E) A justice of the peace;

22 (F) A clerk of a city of the first class; or

23 (G) A recorder of a city of the second class or  
 24 incorporated town.

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