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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1603

5 By: Representative Gazaway
6 By: Senator Gilmore
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING INSTALLMENT
10 PAYMENTS BY A CRIMINAL DEFENDANT IN CIRCUIT COURT;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING INSTALLMENT
16 PAYMENTS BY A CRIMINAL DEFENDANT IN
17 CIRCUIT COURT.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-13-226 is amended to read as
22 follows:

23 16-13-226. Installment payments by a criminal defendant in circuit
24 court – Priority of payment.

25 (a) An installment payment by a criminal defendant to a circuit court
26 shall initially be ~~deemed to be a collection of court costs until the court~~
27 ~~costs have been collected in full, with any remaining installment payments~~
28 ~~representing collections of restitution, and then any applicable fines~~
29 allocated in accordance with § 5-4-208.

30 (b) If ~~court costs~~, restitution, court costs, and fines are fully
31 paid, all remaining installment payments shall be allocated to remaining
32 amounts due as ordered by the circuit court.

33 (c) A municipal or county governing body that adopted municipal or
34 county legislation before January 1, 2017, to provide an alternative method
35 of installment payment allocation as then authorized by state law shall
36 remain in effect until repealed by the municipal or county governing body.

