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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1035

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING AN EXPANDED ROLE FOR RETIRED  
9 CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES IN THE JUDICIARY; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-13-103 is amended to read as follows:

21 16-13-103. Special judges – Compensation – Expenses.

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

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

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

35 (c)(1) To the extent authorized by Arkansas Constitution, Amendment  
36 80, a retired circuit court judge may be appointed by the Supreme Court to a



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

5 (2) A special judge appointed under this subsection:

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

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

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