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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1260

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REORGANIZATION OF THE LOCAL
10 DISTRICT COURTS TO STATE DISTRICT COURTS IN THE
11 FORTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 CONCERNING THE REORGANIZATION OF THE
16 LOCAL DISTRICT COURTS TO STATE DISTRICT
17 COURTS IN THE FORTY-FIRST JUDICIAL
18 DISTRICT.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-17-1112(b)(6), concerning reorganization
25 of local district courts to state district courts in the Forty-First District
26 as of January 1, 2017, is repealed.

27 ~~(6)(A) The Forty-First District shall be composed of Garland~~
28 ~~County.~~

29 ~~(B) The Forty-First District shall have three (3)~~
30 ~~departments as follows:~~

31 ~~(i) Two (2) located in Hot Springs; and~~

32 ~~(ii) One (1) located in Mountain Pine.~~

33 ~~(C) The Forty-First District shall be served by two (2)~~
34 ~~state district court judges.~~

35 ~~(D) The Forty-First District judges shall be elected~~
36 ~~districtwide.~~



1 ~~(E) The Forty-First District court shall have district-~~
 2 ~~wide jurisdiction.~~

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 4 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 17, Subchapter 11, is
 5 amended to add a new section to read as follows:

6 16-17-1113. Reorganization of local district courts to state district
 7 courts of the Forty-First Judicial District as of January 1, 2021.

8 (a)(1) Beginning January 1, 2021, the cities and counties of the
 9 Forty-First Judicial District that are currently served by local district
 10 courts under § 16-17-901 et seq. shall be reorganized into a state district
 11 court district and served by state district court judges as provided in
 12 subsection (b) of this section.

13 (2) The new state district court judgeships created in the
 14 Forty-First Judicial District by this section shall become effective January
 15 1, 2021, and shall be placed on the ballot to be elected in the 2020
 16 nonpartisan judicial election from the newly constructed state district court
 17 district.

18 (3) The cities and counties of the Forty-First Judicial District
 19 that were previously served by local district courts and will be served by a
 20 state district courts shall comply with the cost-sharing requirements
 21 established in § 16-17-1106, effective January 1, 2021.

22 (b)(1) The Forty-First Judicial District shall be composed of Garland
 23 County.

24 (2) The Forty-First District shall have three (3) departments as
 25 follows:

26 (A) Two (2) located in Hot Springs; and

27 (B) One (1) located in Mountain Pine.

28 (3) The Forty-First Judicial District shall be served by two
 29 (2) state district court judges.

30 (4) The Forty-First Judicial District judges shall be elected
 31 districtwide.

32 (5) The Forty-First Judicial District courts shall have
 33 district-wide jurisdiction.

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