For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR LEGAL AID; TO
INCREASE THE FILING FEE FOR REOPENING A CASE IN
CIRCUIT COURT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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AND TO INCREASE FILING FEES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-6-403(b), as amended by Act 431 of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The uniform filing fees shall be:

(1) For initiating a cause of action in the circuit court, including appeals ........................................ $140.00

(2) For reopening a cause of action in the circuit court

............... 30.00 50.00

(3) For any cause of action which by court order is transferred from any district or circuit court to a circuit court ................. 50.00.

SECTION 2. Title 19, Chapter 6, Subchapter 4 is amended to add a new section as follows:

19-6-499. Public Legal Aid Fund.

(a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, Auditor of State, and Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a special revenue fund to be
known as the “Public Legal Aid Fund”.

(b) The fund shall consist of such revenues as may be authorized by law.

(c) The fund shall be used for providing financial support for public legal aid organizations and distributed as follows:

   (1) Forty-five percent (45%) of the fund shall be paid to Legal Aid of Arkansas; and
   (2) Fifty-five percent (55%) of the fund shall be paid to the Center for Arkansas Legal Services.

/s/ Miller

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