



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB2784

Introduced 1/13/2026, by Sen. Doris Turner

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

705 ILCS 35/2f-14
705 ILCS 45/2.6 new

Amends the Circuit Courts Act. Provides that when a vacancy occurs in an at-large judgeship of the 6th judicial circuit, the at-large judgeship shall be converted to a resident judgeship for either Champaign County or Macon County, depending on which of those counties the incumbent at-large circuit judge resided in when the incumbent judge was elected. Requires one additional associate judge to be appointed in the 7th circuit. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning courts.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Circuit Courts Act is amended by changing
5 Section 2f-14 as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 35/2f-14)

7 Sec. 2f-14. 6th judicial circuit; resident judgeships.

8 (a) The at-large judgeships of the 6th judicial circuit
9 existing on January 7, 2022 shall be converted to resident
10 judgeships as provided in this subsection as those judgeships
11 are or become vacant. When a vacancy occurs in an at-large
12 judgeship of the 6th judicial circuit, the at-large judgeship
13 shall be converted to a resident judgeship for either
14 Champaign County or Macon County, depending on which of those
15 2 counties the incumbent at-large circuit judge resided in
16 when the incumbent judge was elected. ~~The first 3 that become~~
17 ~~vacant after January 7, 2022 (the effective date of Public Act~~
18 ~~102-693) shall be converted to resident judgeships elected~~
19 ~~from Champaign County. The remaining two at-large judgeships~~
20 ~~that become vacant shall be converted to resident judgeships~~
21 ~~elected from Macon County.~~ Thereafter, persons elected to
22 those resident judgeships shall be residents of the county
23 which elects them.

1 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly not to create
2 any additional judgeships in the 6th judicial circuit by
3 Public Act 102-693 and this amendatory Act of the 102nd
4 General Assembly. Notwithstanding any other provision of law
5 to the contrary, the conversion of at-large judgeships to
6 resident judgeships under subsection (a) of this Section shall
7 not entitle the 6th judicial circuit to any additional circuit
8 judgeships elected at-large.

9 (Source: P.A. 102-693, eff. 1-7-22; 102-1126, eff. 2-10-23.)

10 Section 10. The Associate Judges Act is amended by adding
11 Section 2.6 as follows:

12 (705 ILCS 45/2.6 new)

13 Sec. 2.6. Additional associate judge; 7th circuit. In
14 addition to the number of associate judges authorized under
15 Sections 2 and 2.1, there shall be one additional associate
16 judge appointed in the 7th circuit.

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
18 becoming law.