

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 Sections 2f-2 and 2f-14 as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 35/2f-2)

7 Sec. 2f-2. 19th judicial circuit; subcircuits; additional  
8 judges.

9 (a) Prior to December 5, 2022, the 19th circuit shall be  
10 divided into 6 subcircuits. The subcircuits shall be compact,  
11 contiguous, and substantially equal in population. The General  
12 Assembly by law shall create the subcircuits, using population  
13 data as determined by the 2000 federal census, and shall  
14 determine a numerical order for the 6 subcircuits. That  
15 numerical order shall be the basis for the order in which  
16 resident judgeships are assigned to the subcircuits. The 6  
17 resident judgeships to be assigned that are not added by or  
18 converted from at-large judgeships as provided in this  
19 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly shall be assigned  
20 to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th subcircuits, in that  
21 order. The 6 resident judgeships to be assigned that are added  
22 by or converted from at-large judgeships as provided in this  
23 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly shall be assigned

1 to the 6th, 5th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd, and 1st subcircuits, in that  
2 order. Once a resident judgeship is assigned to a subcircuit,  
3 it shall continue to be assigned to that subcircuit for all  
4 purposes; provided that a resident judge elected from a  
5 subcircuit seeking retention shall run for retention at large  
6 in the circuit in accordance with Article VI, Section 12(d) of  
7 the Illinois Constitution.

8 (a-3) On and after December 5, 2022, the 19th circuit is  
9 divided into 12 subcircuits. Beginning in 2031, the General  
10 Assembly shall, in the year following each federal decennial  
11 census, redraw the boundaries of the subcircuits to reflect  
12 the results of the most recent federal decennial census. The  
13 subcircuits shall be compact, contiguous, and substantially  
14 equal in population. Once a judgeship is assigned to a  
15 subcircuit or an at-large judgeship is converted to a resident  
16 judgeship and assigned to a subcircuit, it shall be assigned  
17 to that subcircuit for all purposes; provided that a resident  
18 judge elected from a subcircuit seeking retention shall run  
19 for retention at large in the circuit in accordance with  
20 Article VI, Section 12(d) of the Illinois Constitution. Any  
21 vacancy in a resident judgeship existing on or occurring after  
22 the effective date of a law redrawing the boundaries of the  
23 subcircuits shall be filled by election by a resident of the  
24 redrawn subcircuit. When a vacancy occurs in a resident  
25 judgeship, the resident judgeship shall be allotted by the  
26 Supreme Court under subsection (c) and filled by election.

1           (a-5) Of the at-large judgeships of the 19th judicial  
2 circuit, the first 3 that are or become vacant on or after the  
3 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General  
4 Assembly shall become resident judgeships of the 19th judicial  
5 circuit to be allotted by the Supreme Court under subsection  
6 (c) and filled by election, except that the Supreme Court may  
7 fill those judgeships by appointment for any remainder of a  
8 vacated term until the resident judgeships are filled  
9 initially by election. As used in this subsection, a vacancy  
10 does not include the expiration of a term of an at-large judge  
11 who seeks retention in that office at the next term.

12           (a-10) The 19th judicial circuit shall have 3 additional  
13 resident judgeships to be allotted by the Supreme Court under  
14 subsection (c). One of the additional resident judgeships  
15 shall be filled by election beginning at the 2010 general  
16 election. Two of the additional resident judgeships shall be  
17 filled by election beginning at the 2012 general election.

18           (a-15) On and after January 7, 2022, each at-large  
19 judgeship of the 19th judicial circuit existing on January 7,  
20 2022 shall be converted to a resident judgeship as it is or  
21 becomes vacant and shall be allotted by the Supreme Court  
22 according to subsection (c) of this Section. It is the intent  
23 of the General Assembly not to create any additional  
24 judgeships in the 19th judicial circuit by this amendatory Act  
25 of the 102nd General Assembly. Notwithstanding any other  
26 provision of law to the contrary, the conversion of at-large

1 judgeships to resident judgeships under this subsection shall  
2 not entitle the 19th judicial circuit to any additional  
3 circuit judgeships elected at-large.

4 (a-20) Any judgeship that became vacant after January 1,  
5 2020 and on June 1, 2020 (the effective date of Public Act  
6 102-380) is held by an individual appointed by the Supreme  
7 Court also shall be filled by election at the 2022 general  
8 election.

9 (b) Prior to December 5, 2022, the 19th circuit shall have  
10 a total of 12 resident judgeships (6 resident judgeships  
11 existing on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
12 96th General Assembly, 3 formerly at-large judgeships as  
13 provided in subsection (a-5), and 3 resident judgeships added  
14 by subsection (a-10)). The number of resident judgeships  
15 allotted to subcircuits of the 19th judicial circuit pursuant  
16 to this Section shall constitute all the resident judgeships  
17 of the 19th judicial circuit.

18 (c) Prior to January 7, 2022 (the effective date of Public  
19 Act 102-693), the Supreme Court shall allot (i) all vacancies  
20 in resident judgeships of the 19th circuit existing on or  
21 occurring on or after the effective date of this amendatory  
22 Act of the 93rd General Assembly and not filled at the 2004  
23 general election, (ii) the resident judgeships of the 19th  
24 circuit filled at the 2004 general election as those  
25 judgeships thereafter become vacant, (iii) the 3 formerly  
26 at-large judgeships described in subsection (a-5) as they

1 become available, (iv) the 3 resident judgeships added by  
2 subsection (a-10), and (v) the additional resident judgeships  
3 provided for by subsection (a-3), for election from the  
4 various subcircuits until there are 2 resident judges to be  
5 elected from each subcircuit. On and after January 7, 2022,  
6 the Supreme Court shall allot all vacancies in the 16 ~~15~~  
7 resident judgeships of the 19th circuit (the 13 ~~12~~ resident  
8 judgeships ~~existing on January 7, 2022~~ and the 3 formerly  
9 at-large judgeships converted under subsection (a-15)) for  
10 election from the various subcircuits created by Public Act  
11 102-693 in numerical order until there is one resident judge  
12 to be elected from each subcircuit, except the 1st, 2nd, ~~and~~  
13 3rd, and 4th subcircuits which shall have 2 resident judges  
14 each; provided that the first vacancy shall be allotted to the  
15 12th subcircuit, that the second vacancy shall be allotted to  
16 the 3rd subcircuit, that the third vacancy shall be allotted  
17 to the 4th subcircuit, that the fourth vacancy shall be  
18 allotted to the 2nd subcircuit, that the fifth vacancy shall  
19 be allotted to the 1st subcircuit, and the sixth vacancy shall  
20 be allotted to the 3rd subcircuit. Following these allotments,  
21 judicial vacancies shall be allotted in numerical order  
22 starting with the 5th subcircuit. No resident judge of the  
23 19th circuit serving on January 7, 2022 shall be required to  
24 change his or her residency in order to continue serving in  
25 office or to seek retention in office as resident judgeships  
26 are allotted by the Supreme Court in accordance with this

1 Section.

2 (c-5) If 2 or more judgeships in the same subcircuit are to  
3 be filled at the same election under this Section, the State  
4 Board of Elections shall designate those vacancies  
5 alphabetically.

6 (d) A resident judge elected from a subcircuit shall  
7 continue to reside in that subcircuit as long as he or she  
8 holds that office. A resident judge elected from a subcircuit  
9 after January 1, 2008, must retain residency as a registered  
10 voter in the subcircuit to run for retention from the circuit  
11 at-large thereafter.

12 (e) Vacancies in resident judgeships of the 19th circuit  
13 shall be filled in the manner provided in Article VI of the  
14 Illinois Constitution.

15 (Source: P.A. 101-477, eff. 6-1-20; 102-380, eff. 8-13-21;  
16 102-668, eff. 11-15-21; 102-693, eff. 1-7-22; 102-1126, eff.  
17 2-10-23.)

18 (705 ILCS 35/2f-14)

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

20 (a) The at-large judgeships of the 6th judicial circuit  
21 existing on January 7, 2022 shall be converted to resident  
22 judgeships as provided in this subsection as those judgeships  
23 are or become vacant. When a vacancy occurs in an at-large  
24 judgeship of the 6th judicial circuit, the at-large judgeship  
25 shall be converted to a resident judgeship for either

1 Champaign County or Macon County, depending on which of those  
2 2 counties the incumbent at-large circuit judge resided in  
3 when the incumbent judge was elected. ~~The first 3 that become~~  
4 ~~vacant after January 7, 2022 (the effective date of Public Act~~  
5 ~~102-693) shall be converted to resident judgeships elected~~  
6 ~~from Champaign County. The remaining two at large judgeships~~  
7 ~~that become vacant shall be converted to resident judgeships~~  
8 ~~elected from Macon County.~~ Thereafter, persons elected to  
9 those resident judgeships shall be residents of the county  
10 which elects them.

11 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly not to create  
12 any additional judgeships in the 6th judicial circuit by  
13 Public Act 102-693 and this amendatory Act of the 102nd  
14 General Assembly. Notwithstanding any other provision of law  
15 to the contrary, the conversion of at-large judgeships to  
16 resident judgeships under subsection (a) of this Section shall  
17 not entitle the 6th judicial circuit to any additional circuit  
18 judgeships elected at-large.

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

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

22 (705 ILCS 45/2.6 new)

23 Sec. 2.6. Additional associate judge; 7th circuit. In  
24 addition to the number of associate judges authorized under

1 Sections 2 and 2.1, there shall be one additional associate  
2 judge appointed in the 7th circuit.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
4 becoming law.