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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2784

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2784 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

1 resident judgeships to be assigned that are not added by or
2 converted from at-large judgeships as provided in this
3 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly shall be assigned
4 to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th subcircuits, in that
5 order. The 6 resident judgeships to be assigned that are added
6 by or converted from at-large judgeships as provided in this
7 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly shall be assigned
8 to the 6th, 5th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd, and 1st subcircuits, in that
9 order. Once a resident judgeship is assigned to a subcircuit,
10 it shall continue to be assigned to that subcircuit for all
11 purposes; provided that a resident judge elected from a
12 subcircuit seeking retention shall run for retention at large
13 in the circuit in accordance with Article VI, Section 12(d) of
14 the Illinois Constitution.

15 (a-3) On and after December 5, 2022, the 19th circuit is
16 divided into 12 subcircuits. Beginning in 2031, the General
17 Assembly shall, in the year following each federal decennial
18 census, redraw the boundaries of the subcircuits to reflect
19 the results of the most recent federal decennial census. The
20 subcircuits shall be compact, contiguous, and substantially
21 equal in population. Once a judgeship is assigned to a
22 subcircuit or an at-large judgeship is converted to a resident
23 judgeship and assigned to a subcircuit, it shall be assigned
24 to that subcircuit for all purposes; provided that a resident
25 judge elected from a subcircuit seeking retention shall run
26 for retention at large in the circuit in accordance with

1 Article VI, Section 12(d) of the Illinois Constitution. Any
2 vacancy in a resident judgeship existing on or occurring after
3 the effective date of a law redrawing the boundaries of the
4 subcircuits shall be filled by election by a resident of the
5 redrawn subcircuit. When a vacancy occurs in a resident
6 judgeship, the resident judgeship shall be allotted by the
7 Supreme Court under subsection (c) and filled by election.

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

19 (a-10) The 19th judicial circuit shall have 3 additional
20 resident judgeships to be allotted by the Supreme Court under
21 subsection (c). One of the additional resident judgeships
22 shall be filled by election beginning at the 2010 general
23 election. Two of the additional resident judgeships shall be
24 filled by election beginning at the 2012 general election.

25 (a-15) On and after January 7, 2022, each at-large
26 judgeship of the 19th judicial circuit existing on January 7,

1 2022 shall be converted to a resident judgeship as it is or
2 becomes vacant and shall be allotted by the Supreme Court
3 according to subsection (c) of this Section. It is the intent
4 of the General Assembly not to create any additional
5 judgeships in the 19th judicial circuit by this amendatory Act
6 of the 102nd General Assembly. Notwithstanding any other
7 provision of law to the contrary, the conversion of at-large
8 judgeships to resident judgeships under this subsection shall
9 not entitle the 19th judicial circuit to any additional
10 circuit judgeships elected at-large.

11 (a-20) Any judgeship that became vacant after January 1,
12 2020 and on June 1, 2020 (the effective date of Public Act
13 102-380) is held by an individual appointed by the Supreme
14 Court also shall be filled by election at the 2022 general
15 election.

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

25 (c) Prior to January 7, 2022 (the effective date of Public
26 Act 102-693), the Supreme Court shall allot (i) all vacancies

1 in resident judgeships of the 19th circuit existing on or
2 occurring on or after the effective date of this amendatory
3 Act of the 93rd General Assembly and not filled at the 2004
4 general election, (ii) the resident judgeships of the 19th
5 circuit filled at the 2004 general election as those
6 judgeships thereafter become vacant, (iii) the 3 formerly
7 at-large judgeships described in subsection (a-5) as they
8 become available, (iv) the 3 resident judgeships added by
9 subsection (a-10), and (v) the additional resident judgeships
10 provided for by subsection (a-3), for election from the
11 various subcircuits until there are 2 resident judges to be
12 elected from each subcircuit. On and after January 7, 2022,
13 the Supreme Court shall allot all vacancies in the 16 ~~15~~
14 resident judgeships of the 19th circuit (the 13 ~~12~~ resident
15 judgeships ~~existing on January 7, 2022~~ and ~~the~~ 3 formerly
16 at-large judgeships converted under subsection (a-15)) for
17 election from the various subcircuits created by Public Act
18 102-693 in numerical order until there is one resident judge
19 to be elected from each subcircuit, except the 1st, 2nd, ~~and~~
20 3rd, and 4th subcircuits which shall have 2 resident judges
21 each; provided that the first vacancy shall be allotted to the
22 12th subcircuit, that the second vacancy shall be allotted to
23 the 3rd subcircuit, that the third vacancy shall be allotted
24 to the 4th subcircuit, that the fourth vacancy shall be
25 allotted to the 2nd subcircuit, that the fifth vacancy shall
26 be allotted to the 1st subcircuit, and the sixth vacancy shall

1 be allotted to the 3rd subcircuit. Following these allotments,
2 judicial vacancies shall be allotted in numerical order
3 starting with the 5th subcircuit. No resident judge of the
4 19th circuit serving on January 7, 2022 shall be required to
5 change his or her residency in order to continue serving in
6 office or to seek retention in office as resident judgeships
7 are allotted by the Supreme Court in accordance with this
8 Section.

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

13 (d) A resident judge elected from a subcircuit shall
14 continue to reside in that subcircuit as long as he or she
15 holds that office. A resident judge elected from a subcircuit
16 after January 1, 2008, must retain residency as a registered
17 voter in the subcircuit to run for retention from the circuit
18 at-large thereafter.

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

22 (Source: P.A. 101-477, eff. 6-1-20; 102-380, eff. 8-13-21;
23 102-668, eff. 11-15-21; 102-693, eff. 1-7-22; 102-1126, eff.
24 2-10-23.)

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

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

18 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly not to create
19 any additional judgeships in the 6th judicial circuit by
20 Public Act 102-693 and this amendatory Act of the 102nd
21 General Assembly. Notwithstanding any other provision of law
22 to the contrary, the conversion of at-large judgeships to
23 resident judgeships under subsection (a) of this Section shall
24 not entitle the 6th judicial circuit to any additional circuit
25 judgeships elected at-large.

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

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

3 (705 ILCS 45/2.6 new)

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

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.".