

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 1 and 2a and by adding Section 2f-12 as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 35/1) (from Ch. 37, par. 72.1)

7 Sec. 1. Judicial circuits created. The county of Cook shall
8 be one judicial circuit and the State of Illinois, exclusive of
9 the county of Cook, shall be and is divided into judicial
10 circuits as follows:

11 First Circuit--The counties of Alexander, Pulaski, Massac,
12 Pope, Johnson, Union, Jackson, Williamson and Saline.

13 Second Circuit--The counties of Hardin, Gallatin, White,
14 Hamilton, Franklin, Wabash, Edwards, Wayne, Jefferson,
15 Richland, Lawrence and Crawford.

16 Third Circuit--The counties of Madison and Bond.

17 Fourth Circuit--The counties of Clinton, Marion, Clay,
18 Fayette, Effingham, Jasper, Montgomery, Shelby and Christian.

19 Fifth Circuit--The counties of Vermilion, Edgar, Clark,
20 Cumberland and Coles.

21 Sixth Circuit--Before December 7, 2020, the counties of
22 Champaign, Douglas, Moultrie, Macon, DeWitt and Piatt. On and
23 after December 7, 2020, the county of Champaign ~~The counties of~~

1 ~~Champaign, Douglas, Moultrie, Macon, DeWitt and Piatt.~~

2 Seventh Circuit--The counties of Sangamon, Macoupin,
3 Morgan, Scott, Greene and Jersey.

4 Eighth Circuit--The counties of Adams, Schuyler, Mason,
5 Cass, Brown, Pike, Calhoun and Menard.

6 Ninth Circuit--The counties of Knox, Warren, Henderson,
7 Hancock, McDonough and Fulton.

8 Tenth Circuit--The counties of Peoria, Marshall, Putnam,
9 Stark and Tazewell.

10 Eleventh Circuit--The counties of McLean, Livingston,
11 Logan, Ford and Woodford.

12 Twelfth Circuit--The county of Will.

13 Thirteenth Circuit--The counties of Bureau, LaSalle and
14 Grundy.

15 Fourteenth Circuit--The counties of Rock Island, Mercer,
16 Whiteside and Henry.

17 Fifteenth Circuit--The counties of Jo Daviess, Stephenson,
18 Carroll, Ogle and Lee.

19 Sixteenth Circuit--Before December 3, 2012, the counties
20 of Kane, DeKalb, and Kendall. On and after December 3, 2012,
21 the County of Kane.

22 Seventeenth Circuit--The counties of Winnebago and Boone.

23 Eighteenth Circuit--The county of DuPage.

24 Nineteenth Circuit--Before December 4, 2006, the counties
25 of Lake and McHenry. On and after December 4, 2006, the County
26 of Lake.

1 Twentieth Circuit--The counties of Randolph, Monroe, St.
2 Clair, Washington and Perry.

3 Twenty-first Circuit--The counties of Iroquois and
4 Kankakee.

5 Twenty-second Circuit--On and after December 4, 2006, the
6 County of McHenry.

7 Twenty-third Circuit--On and after December 3, 2012, the
8 counties of DeKalb and Kendall.

9 Twenty-fourth Circuit--On and after December 7, 2020, the
10 counties of Douglas, Moultrie, Macon, DeWitt and Piatt.

11 (Source: P.A. 97-585, eff. 8-26-11; 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)

12 (705 ILCS 35/2a) (from Ch. 37, par. 72.2a)

13 Sec. 2a. In any circuit, other than Cook County, the 6th
14 circuit, and the 23rd circuit, in which is situated any State
15 institution providing educational or welfare facilities for
16 more than 25,000 persons, 4 circuit judges shall be elected
17 unless that circuit is entitled to a greater number under
18 Section 2.

19 (Source: P.A. 97-1069, eff. 8-24-12.)

20 (705 ILCS 35/2f-12 new)

21 Sec. 2f-12. 6th and 24th judicial circuits.

22 (a) On December 7, 2020, the 6th judicial circuit is
23 divided into the 6th and 24th judicial circuits as provided in
24 Section 1 of the Circuit Courts Act. This division does not

1 invalidate any action taken by the 6th judicial circuit or any
2 of its judges, officers, employees, or agents before December
3 7, 2020. This division does not affect any person's rights,
4 obligations, or duties, including applicable civil and
5 criminal penalties, arising out of any action taken by the 6th
6 judicial circuit or any of its judges, officers, employees, or
7 agents before December 7, 2020.

8 (b) Of the 5 circuit judgeships elected at large in the 6th
9 circuit before the general election in 2020, the Supreme Court
10 shall assign 3 to the 6th circuit and 2 to the 24th circuit,
11 based on residency of the circuit judges then holding those
12 judgeships. The 2 assigned to the 24th circuit shall continue
13 to be elected at large. The 3 resident judgeships elected from
14 Champaign County before the 2020 general election shall become
15 at large circuit judgeships for the 6th circuit on December 7,
16 2020.

17 (c) An individual seeking election or retention during the
18 2020 general election to one of the 6 at large judgeships
19 assigned to the 6th circuit as provided in subsection (b) shall
20 seek election or retention solely within the boundaries of
21 Champaign County. An individual seeking election or retention
22 during the 2020 general election to one of the 2 at large
23 judgeships assigned to the 24th circuit as provided in
24 subsection (b) shall seek election or retention solely within
25 the boundaries of DeWitt, Douglas, Macon, Moultrie, and Piatt
26 counties.

1 (d) The 2 resident judgeships elected from Macon County
2 before or at the 2020 general election shall become resident
3 judgeships from Macon County in the 24th circuit on December 7,
4 2020. The one resident judgeship elected from Moultrie County
5 before or at the 2020 general election shall become a resident
6 judgeship from Moultrie County in the 24th circuit on December
7 7, 2020. The one resident judgeship elected from Douglas County
8 before or at the 2020 general election shall become a resident
9 judgeship from Douglas County in the 24th circuit on December
10 7, 2020. The one resident judgeship elected from DeWitt County
11 before or at the 2020 general election shall become a resident
12 judgeship from DeWitt County in the 24th circuit on December 7,
13 2020. The one resident judgeship elected from Piatt County
14 before or at the 2020 general election shall become a resident
15 judgeship from Piatt County in the 24th circuit on December 7,
16 2020.

17 (e) Before December 7, 2020, the Supreme Court shall
18 allocate the associate judgeships of the 6th circuit between
19 the 6th and 24th circuits. The number of associate judges
20 allocated to the 6th circuit shall be no less than 5.

21 (f) Before December 7, 2020, the Supreme Court shall
22 allocate personnel, books, records, documents, property (real
23 and personal), funds, assets, liabilities, and pending matters
24 concerning the 6th circuit between the 6th and 24th circuits
25 based on the population and staffing needs of those circuits
26 and the efficient and proper administration of the judicial

1 system. The rights of employees under applicable collective
2 bargaining agreements are not affected by this Section.

3 (g) The judgeships set forth in this Section include the
4 judgeships authorized under Section 2i. The judgeships
5 authorized in that Section are not in addition to those set
6 forth in this Section.

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