

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 adding  
5 Section 2.5 as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 35/2.5 new)

7 Sec. 2.5. Retention elections. Retention elections for  
8 circuit judges shall be conducted at general elections, as  
9 provided for herein under Article VI, Section 12 of the  
10 Constitution:

11 (a) Circuit judges elected from a subcircuit in a circuit  
12 shall run for retention from that subcircuit in the circuit;

13 (b) Circuit judges elected from a county in a circuit shall  
14 run for retention from that county in the circuit; and

15 (c) Circuit judges elected at large shall run for retention  
16 at large in the circuit.

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