

1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

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 2 and 2a as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 35/2) (from Ch. 37, par. 72.2)

7 Sec. 2. Circuit judges shall be elected at the general  
8 elections and for terms as provided in Article VI of the  
9 Illinois Constitution. Ninety-four circuit judges shall be  
10 elected in the Circuit of Cook County and 3 circuit judges  
11 shall be elected in each of the other circuits except as  
12 provided in this Section. ~~but in~~ In circuits other than Cook  
13 County containing a population of 230,000 or more inhabitants  
14 and in which there is included a county containing a population  
15 of 200,000 or more inhabitants, or in circuits other than Cook  
16 County containing a population of 270,000 or more inhabitants,  
17 according to the last preceding federal census and in the  
18 circuit where the seat of State government is situated at the  
19 time fixed by law for the nomination of judges of the Circuit  
20 Court in such circuit and in any circuit which meets the  
21 requirements set out in Section 2a of this Act, 4 circuit  
22 judges shall be elected in the manner provided by law. In  
23 circuits other than Cook County in which each county in the

1 circuit has a population of 475,000 or more, 4 circuit judges  
2 shall be elected in addition to the 4 circuit judges provided  
3 for in this Section. In any circuit composed of 2 counties  
4 having a total population of 350,000 or more, one circuit judge  
5 shall be elected in addition to the 4 circuit judges provided  
6 for in this Section.

7 Any additional circuit judgeships in the 19th and 22nd  
8 judicial circuits resulting by operation of this Section shall  
9 be filled, if at all, at the general election in 2006 only as  
10 provided in Section 2f-1. Thereafter, however, this Section  
11 shall not apply to the determination of the number of circuit  
12 judgeships in the 19th and 22nd judicial circuits. The number  
13 of circuit judgeships in the 19th judicial circuit shall be  
14 determined thereafter in accordance with Section 2f-1 and  
15 Section 2f-2 and shall be reduced in accordance with those  
16 Sections. The number of circuit judgeships in the 22nd judicial  
17 circuit shall be determined thereafter in accordance with  
18 Section 2f-1 and Section 2f-5 and shall be reduced in  
19 accordance with those Sections.

20 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section or any other  
21 law, the number of at large judgeships of the 12th judicial  
22 circuit may be reduced as provided in subsections (a-10) and  
23 (a-15) of Section 2f-4.

24 In the 23rd judicial circuit, there shall be no at large  
25 circuit judgeships and only resident circuit judges shall be  
26 elected as provided in Sections 2f-10 and 2f-11.

1           The several judges of the circuit courts of this State,  
2 before entering upon the duties of their office, shall take and  
3 subscribe the following oath or affirmation, which shall be  
4 filed in the office of the Secretary of State:

5           "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I  
6 will support the constitution of the United States, and the  
7 constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will  
8 faithfully discharge the duties of judge of.... court,  
9 according to the best of my ability."

10           One of the 3 additional circuit judgeships authorized by  
11 this amendatory Act in circuits other than Cook County in which  
12 each county in the circuit has a population of 475,000 or more  
13 may be filled when this Act becomes law. The 2 remaining  
14 circuit judgeships in such circuits shall not be filled until  
15 on or after July 1, 1977.

16           (Source: P.A. 96-108, eff. 7-30-09.)

17           (705 ILCS 35/2a) (from Ch. 37, par. 72.2a)

18           Sec. 2a. In any circuit, other than Cook County and the  
19 23rd circuit, in which is situated any State institution  
20 providing educational or welfare facilities for more than  
21 25,000 persons, 4 circuit judges shall be elected unless that  
22 circuit is entitled to a greater number under Section 2.

23           (Source: P.A. 76-2067.)

24           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
25 becoming law.