

SENATE BILL No. 1301

April 28, 2010, Introduced by Senator SWITALSKI and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled
"Revised judiciary act of 1961,"
by amending sections 503, 504, 515, 523, 532, 537, and 549h (MCL
600.503, 600.504, 600.515, 600.523, 600.532, 600.537, and
600.549h), section 504 as amended by 2002 PA 715, section 537 as
amended by 1988 PA 134, and section 549h as added by 1990 PA 54.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 503. (1) The second judicial circuit consists of the
2 county of Berrien and, **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2)**, has 4
3 judges.

4 (2) **SUBJECT TO SECTION 550, THIS CIRCUIT SHALL HAVE 3 JUDGES**
5 **DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING 12 NOON, JANUARY 1, 2013 AND ENDING 12**
6 **NOON, JANUARY 1, 2019. THE JUDGESHIP TEMPORARILY ELIMINATED FROM**
7 **THIS CIRCUIT DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2013 TO JANUARY 1,**

1 2019 SHALL BE THE JUDGESHIP OF A JUDGE WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO RUN
 2 FOR REELECTION DUE TO CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION ON THE EFFECTIVE
 3 DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION.

4 Sec. 504. (1) The third judicial circuit consists of the
 5 county of Wayne and, **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2)**, has the
 6 following number of judges:

7 ~~— (a) Until 12 noon, January 1, 2003, 64 judges.~~

8 ~~— (b) Beginning 12 noon, January 1, 2003, 63 judges; however,~~
 9 ~~if, after 12 noon, January 1, 2003, a vacancy occurs in a judgeship~~
 10 ~~held by an incumbent judge of this circuit who would be ineligible~~
 11 ~~to seek reelection to that office in 2004, that judgeship is~~
 12 ~~eliminated unless the total number of judgeships in this circuit~~
 13 ~~has been reduced to 61 before that vacancy occurred.~~

14 ~~— (c) Beginning 12 noon, January 1, 2005, 61 judges.~~

15 (2) **SUBJECT TO SECTION 550, THIS CIRCUIT SHALL HAVE 60 JUDGES**
 16 **DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING 12 NOON, JANUARY 1, 2013 AND ENDING 12**
 17 **NOON, JANUARY 1, 2019. THE JUDGESHIP TEMPORARILY ELIMINATED FROM**
 18 **THIS CIRCUIT DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2013 TO JANUARY 1,**
 19 **2019 SHALL BE THE JUDGESHIP OF A JUDGE WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO RUN**
 20 **FOR REELECTION DUE TO CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION ON THE EFFECTIVE**
 21 **DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION.**

22 Sec. 515. (1) The fourteenth judicial circuit consists of the
 23 county of Muskegon and, **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2)**, has 4
 24 judges.

25 (2) **SUBJECT TO SECTION 550, THIS CIRCUIT SHALL HAVE 3 JUDGES**
 26 **DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING 12 NOON, JANUARY 1, 2013 AND ENDING 12**
 27 **NOON, JANUARY 1, 2019. THE JUDGESHIP TEMPORARILY ELIMINATED FROM**

1 THIS CIRCUIT DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2013 TO JANUARY 1,
2 2019 SHALL BE THE JUDGESHIP OF A JUDGE WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO RUN
3 FOR REELECTION DUE TO CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION ON THE EFFECTIVE
4 DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION.

5 Sec. 523. (1) The twenty-second judicial circuit consists of
6 the county of Washtenaw and, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2),
7 has 5 judges.

8 (2) SUBJECT TO SECTION 550, THIS CIRCUIT SHALL HAVE 4 JUDGES
9 DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING 12 NOON, JANUARY 1, 2013 AND ENDING 12
10 NOON, JANUARY 1, 2019. THE JUDGESHIP TEMPORARILY ELIMINATED FROM
11 THIS CIRCUIT DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2013 TO JANUARY 1,
12 2019 SHALL BE THE JUDGESHIP OF A JUDGE WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO RUN
13 FOR REELECTION DUE TO CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION ON THE EFFECTIVE
14 DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION.

15 Sec. 532. (1) The thirty-first judicial circuit consists of
16 the county of St. Clair and, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2),
17 has 3 judges.

18 (2) SUBJECT TO SECTION 550B, THIS CIRCUIT SHALL HAVE 2 JUDGES
19 DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING 12 NOON, JANUARY 1, 2013 AND ENDING 12
20 NOON, JANUARY 1, 2019. THE JUDGESHIP TEMPORARILY ELIMINATED FROM
21 THIS CIRCUIT DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2013 TO JANUARY 1,
22 2019 SHALL BE THE JUDGESHIP OF A JUDGE WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO RUN
23 FOR REELECTION DUE TO CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION ON THE EFFECTIVE
24 DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION.

25 Sec. 537. (1) The thirty-sixth judicial circuit consists of
26 the county of Van Buren and, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2),
27 has ~~1 judge~~ 2 JUDGES. ~~Subject to section 550, this judicial circuit~~

1 ~~may have 1 additional judge effective January 1, 1989.~~

2 (2) SUBJECT TO SECTION 550, THIS CIRCUIT SHALL HAVE 1 JUDGE
3 DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING 12 NOON, JANUARY 1, 2013 AND ENDING 12
4 NOON, JANUARY 1, 2019. THE JUDGESHIP TEMPORARILY ELIMINATED FROM
5 THIS CIRCUIT DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2013 TO JANUARY 1,
6 2019 SHALL BE THE JUDGESHIP OF A JUDGE WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO RUN
7 FOR REELECTION DUE TO CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION ON THE EFFECTIVE
8 DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION.

9 Sec. 549h. (1) ~~If the county of Barry approves the reformation~~
10 ~~of the fifth judicial circuit pursuant to law, and the county of~~
11 ~~Eaton approves the creation of the fifty sixth judicial circuit~~
12 ~~pursuant to law, the~~ **THE** fifty-sixth judicial circuit consists of
13 the county of Eaton and, **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2)**, has
14 ~~1 judge effective January 1, 1991. Subject to section 550, this~~
15 ~~judicial circuit may have 1 additional judge effective January 1,~~
16 ~~1991.~~ **2 JUDGES.**

17 (2) SUBJECT TO SECTION 550, THIS CIRCUIT SHALL HAVE 1 JUDGE
18 DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING 12 NOON, JANUARY 1, 2013 AND ENDING 12
19 NOON, JANUARY 1, 2019. THE JUDGESHIP TEMPORARILY ELIMINATED FROM
20 THIS CIRCUIT DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2013 TO JANUARY 1,
21 2019 SHALL BE THE JUDGESHIP OF A JUDGE WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO RUN
22 FOR REELECTION DUE TO CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION ON THE EFFECTIVE
23 DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION.