

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 653**

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending sections 504, 507, 517, 518, 8116, 8121, 8123, 8130, 8134, and 8135 (MCL 600.504, 600.507, 600.517, 600.518, 600.8116, 600.8121, 600.8123, 600.8130, 600.8134, and 600.8135), section 504 as amended by 2011 PA 300, sections 507 and 517 as amended by 2009 PA 228, section 518 as amended by 2006 PA 99, section 8116 as amended by 2012 PA 19, section 8121 as amended by 2012 PA 37, section 8123 as amended by 2012 PA 624, section 8130 as amended by 1988 PA 135, section 8134 as amended by 2012 PA 16, and section 8135 as amended by 1982 PA 161.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 504. The third judicial circuit consists of the county of
2 Wayne and has the following number of judges:

3 (a) Until 12 noon, January 1, ~~2013, 61~~ 2015, 60 judges.

1 (b) Beginning 12 noon, January 1, ~~2013, 60~~ **2015, 56** judges.

2 Sec. 507. (1) The sixth judicial circuit consists of the
3 county of Oakland and, except as **OTHERWISE** provided in ~~subsection~~
4 ~~(2), THIS SECTION,~~ has 19 judges.

5 (2) Subject to section 550, this circuit ~~shall have~~ **HAS** 18
6 judges during the period beginning 12 noon, January 1, 2011 and
7 ending 12 noon, January 1, 2015. The judgeship temporarily
8 eliminated from this circuit during the period of January 1, 2011
9 to January 1, 2015 shall be the judgeship of a judge who is not
10 eligible to run for reelection due to constitutional limitation on
11 ~~the effective date of the amendatory act that added this~~
12 ~~subsection.~~ **JANUARY 5, 2010.** In the 2014 election, the initial term
13 of office of the judgeship being restored shall be 8 years.

14 (3) **SUBJECT TO SECTION 550, THIS JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MAY HAVE 1**
15 **ADDITIONAL JUDGE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019.**

16 Sec. 517. (1) The sixteenth judicial circuit consists of the
17 county of Macomb and, except as **OTHERWISE** provided in ~~subsection~~
18 ~~(2), THIS SECTION,~~ has 13 judges.

19 (2) Subject to section 550, this circuit ~~shall have~~ **HAS** 12
20 judges during the period beginning 12 noon, January 1, 2011 and
21 ending 12 noon, January 1, 2017. The 1 judgeship temporarily
22 eliminated from this circuit during the period of January 1, 2011
23 to January 1, 2017 shall be the judgeship of a judge who is not
24 eligible to run for reelection due to constitutional limitation on
25 ~~the effective date of the amendatory act that added this~~
26 ~~subsection.~~ **JANUARY 5, 2010.**

27 (3) **THIS JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MAY HAVE 2 ADDITIONAL JUDGES**

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1 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019. EACH ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIP IS
2 INDIVIDUALLY SUBJECT TO SECTION 550.

3 (4) SUBJECT TO SECTION 550, THIS JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MAY HAVE 1
4 ADDITIONAL JUDGE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021.

5 Sec. 518. << >> The seventeenth judicial circuit consists of the
6 county of Kent and has 9-10 judges. Subject to << >>
7 section 550, this judicial circuit may have 1 additional judge
8 effective-BEGINNING January 1, 2007-2015.

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13 Sec. 8116. ~~(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), the~~ THE
14 seventh district consists of the county of Van Buren, is a district
15 of the first class, and has 2 judges.

16 ~~—— (2) Beginning on the earlier of the following dates, the~~
17 seventh district has 1 judge.

18 ~~—— (a) The date on which a vacancy occurs in the office of~~
19 district judge in the seventh district.

20 ~~—— (b) The beginning date of the term for which an incumbent~~
21 district judge in the seventh district no longer seeks election or
22 reelection to that office.

23 Sec. 8121. (1) The sixteenth district consists of the city of
24 Livonia, is a district of the third class, and has 2 judges.

25 (2) The seventeenth district consists of the township of
26 Redford in the county of Wayne, is a district of the third class,
27 and has 2 judges.

1 (3) ~~The~~ EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE
2 eighteenth district consists of the city of Westland, is a district
3 of the third class, and has 2 judges. IF THE GOVERNING BODIES OF
4 THE CITY OF WESTLAND AND THE CITY OF WAYNE APPROVE BY RESOLUTIONS
5 THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE EIGHTEENTH AND TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICTS
6 BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2016, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY EFFECTIVE
7 JANUARY 1, 2016:

8 (A) THE TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT IS ABOLISHED AND THE EIGHTEENTH
9 DISTRICT CONSISTS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND AND THE CITY OF WAYNE, IS
10 A DISTRICT OF THE THIRD CLASS, AND HAS 3 JUDGES. THE ADDITIONAL
11 JUDGESHIP IN THE EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT SHALL BE FILLED BY THE
12 INCUMBENT JUDGE OF THE TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT, WHO SHALL BECOME A
13 JUDGE OF THE EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT FOR THE BALANCE OF THE TERM TO
14 WHICH HE OR SHE WAS ELECTED OR APPOINTED. FOR PURPOSES OF THE
15 NOVEMBER 2018 GENERAL ELECTION ONLY, THE TERM OF THE CANDIDATE FOR
16 DISTRICT JUDGE IN THE EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT WHO RECEIVES THE GREATEST
17 NUMBER OF VOTES IS 10 YEARS AND THE TERM OF THE CANDIDATE FOR
18 DISTRICT JUDGE IN THE EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT WHO RECEIVES THE SECOND
19 GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES IS 6 YEARS.

20 (B) THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND AND THE CLERK OF THE
21 CITY OF WAYNE SHALL FILE COPIES OF THE RESOLUTIONS WITH THE STATE
22 COURT ADMINISTRATOR, WHO, AS AUTHORIZED BY THE SUPREME COURT, SHALL
23 NOTIFY THE ELECTIONS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THAT THE
24 CONSOLIDATION HAS BEEN APPROVED UNDER THIS SECTION.

25 (C) BY PROPOSING OR AUTHORIZING THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE
26 EIGHTEENTH AND TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICTS, THE LEGISLATURE IS NOT
27 CREATING A NEW OBLIGATION FOR ANY AFFECTED DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT.

1 IF A DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT, ACTING THROUGH ITS GOVERNING BODY,
2 APPROVES THE CONSOLIDATION, THEN THE APPROVAL CONSTITUTES AN
3 EXERCISE OF THE DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT'S OPTION TO INCREASE THE
4 LEVEL OF ACTIVITY AND SERVICE OFFERED IN THAT DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT
5 BEYOND THAT REQUIRED BY EXISTING LAW, AS THE ELEMENTS OF THAT
6 OPTION ARE DEFINED BY 1979 PA 101, MCL 21.231 TO 21.244, AND A
7 VOLUNTARY ACCEPTANCE BY THAT DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT OF ALL EXPENSES
8 AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS THAT MAY RESULT FROM THE CONSOLIDATION OF
9 THE DISTRICTS. HOWEVER, THE EXERCISE OF THE OPTION DOES NOT AFFECT
10 THE STATE'S OBLIGATION TO PAY THE SAME PORTION OF EACH JUDGE'S
11 SALARY THAT IS PAID BY THE STATE TO OTHER DISTRICT JUDGES AS
12 PROVIDED BY LAW, OR TO APPROPRIATE AND DISBURSE FUNDS TO THE
13 DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT FOR THE NECESSARY COSTS OF STATE REQUIREMENTS
14 ESTABLISHED BY A STATE LAW THAT BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON OR AFTER
15 DECEMBER 23, 1978.

16 (4) The nineteenth district consists of the city of Dearborn,
17 is a district of the third class, and has 3 judges.

18 (5) The twentieth district consists of the city of Dearborn
19 Heights, is a district of the third class, and has 2 judges.

20 (6) The twenty-first district consists of the city of Garden
21 City, is a district of the third class, and has 1 judge.

22 (7) The twenty-second district consists of the city of
23 Inkster, is a district of the third class, and has 1 judge.

24 (8) The twenty-third district consists of the city of Taylor,
25 is a district of the third class, and has 2 judges.

26 (9) The twenty-fourth district consists of the cities of Allen
27 Park and Melvindale, is a district of the third class, and has 2

1 judges.

2 (10) The twenty-fifth district consists of the ~~city of Lincoln~~
3 ~~Park, is a district of the third class, and has 2 judges. Beginning~~
4 ~~April 1, 2012, the twenty-fifth district consists of the cities of~~
5 Ecorse, Lincoln Park, and River Rouge, is a district of the third
6 class, and has 3 judges. The additional judgeship in the twenty-
7 fifth district shall be filled by the incumbent judge of the
8 twenty-sixth district, who shall become a judge of the twenty-fifth
9 district for the balance of the term to which he or she was elected
10 or appointed. Sections 8175 and 8176 do not apply to the
11 consolidation of the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth districts.
12 Beginning April 2, 2012, the twenty-fifth district has 2 judges.

13 (11) The twenty-sixth district consists of the cities of River
14 Rouge and Ecorse, is a district of the third class, and has 1
15 judge. Beginning on April 1, 2012, the twenty-sixth district is
16 abolished and the judge of the twenty-sixth district shall become a
17 judge of the twenty-fifth district for the balance of the term to
18 which he or she was elected or appointed.

19 (12) ~~The~~ **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (13), THE** twenty-
20 seventh district consists of the cities of Wyandotte and Riverview,
21 is a district of the third class, and has 1 judge.

22 (13) ~~The~~ **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE**
23 twenty-eighth district consists of the city of Southgate, is a
24 district of the third class, and has 1 judge. **IF THE GOVERNING**
25 **BODIES OF THE CITIES OF SOUTHGATE, WYANDOTTE, AND RIVERVIEW APPROVE**
26 **BY RESOLUTIONS THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH AND TWENTY-**
27 **EIGHTH DISTRICTS BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2016, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING**

1 APPLY:

2 (A) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016, THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT IS
3 ABOLISHED AND THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT CONSISTS OF THE CITIES OF
4 SOUTHGATE, WYANDOTTE, AND RIVERVIEW, IS A DISTRICT OF THE THIRD
5 CLASS, AND HAS 2 JUDGES. THE ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIP IN THE TWENTY-
6 EIGHTH DISTRICT SHALL BE FILLED BY THE INCUMBENT JUDGE OF THE
7 TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT, WHO SHALL BECOME A JUDGE OF THE TWENTY-
8 EIGHTH DISTRICT FOR THE BALANCE OF THE TERM TO WHICH HE OR SHE WAS
9 ELECTED OR APPOINTED.

10 (B) THE CLERKS OF THE CITIES OF SOUTHGATE, WYANDOTTE, AND
11 RIVERVIEW SHALL FILE COPIES OF THE RESOLUTIONS WITH THE STATE COURT
12 ADMINISTRATOR WHO, AS AUTHORIZED BY THE SUPREME COURT, SHALL NOTIFY
13 THE ELECTIONS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THAT THE
14 CONSOLIDATION HAS BEEN APPROVED UNDER THIS SECTION.

15 (C) BY PROPOSING OR AUTHORIZING THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE
16 TWENTY-SEVENTH AND TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICTS, THE LEGISLATURE IS NOT
17 CREATING A NEW OBLIGATION FOR ANY AFFECTED DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT.
18 IF A DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT, ACTING THROUGH ITS GOVERNING BODY,
19 APPROVES THE CONSOLIDATION, THEN THE APPROVAL CONSTITUTES AN
20 EXERCISE OF THE DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT'S OPTION TO INCREASE THE
21 LEVEL OF ACTIVITY AND SERVICE OFFERED IN THAT DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT
22 BEYOND THAT REQUIRED BY EXISTING LAW, AS THE ELEMENTS OF THAT
23 OPTION ARE DEFINED BY 1979 PA 101, MCL 21.231 TO 21.244, AND A
24 VOLUNTARY ACCEPTANCE BY THAT DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT OF ALL EXPENSES
25 AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS WHICH MAY RESULT FROM THE CONSOLIDATION OF
26 THE DISTRICTS. HOWEVER, THE EXERCISE OF THE OPTION DOES NOT AFFECT
27 THE STATE'S OBLIGATION TO PAY THE SAME PORTION OF EACH JUDGE'S

1 SALARY THAT IS PAID BY THE STATE TO OTHER DISTRICT JUDGES AS
2 PROVIDED BY LAW, OR TO APPROPRIATE AND DISBURSE FUNDS TO THE
3 DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT FOR THE NECESSARY COSTS OF STATE REQUIREMENTS
4 ESTABLISHED BY A STATE LAW THAT BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON OR AFTER
5 DECEMBER 23, 1978.

6 (14) ~~The~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3), THE twenty-
7 ninth district consists of the city of Wayne, is a district of the
8 third class, and has 1 judge.

9 (15) The thirtieth district consists of the city of Highland
10 Park, is a district of the third class, and has 1 judge.

11 (16) The thirty-first district consists of the city of
12 Hamtramck, is a district of the third class, and has 1 judge.

13 (17) The thirty-second-a district consists of the city of
14 Harper Woods, is a district of the third class, and has 1 judge.

15 (18) The thirty-second-b district consists of the cities of
16 Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe, and Grosse
17 Pointe Farms, and the village of Grosse Pointe Shores, is a
18 district of the third class, and has 1 judge.

19 (19) The thirty-third district consists of the cities of
20 Trenton, Gibraltar, Woodhaven, Rockwood, and Flat Rock and the
21 townships of Brownstown and Grosse Ile in the county of Wayne, is a
22 district of the third class, and has the following number of
23 judges:

24 (a) Until the date determined under subdivision (b), 3 judges.

25 (b) Beginning on the earlier of the following dates, 2 judges:

26 (i) The date on which a vacancy occurs in the office of

27 district judge in this district **UNLESS THE VACANCY OCCURS AFTER THE**

1 **JUDGE'S SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE HAS BEEN ELECTED BUT BEFORE THAT**
2 **SUCCESSOR TAKES OFFICE.**

3 (ii) The beginning date of the term for which an incumbent
4 district judge in this district no longer seeks election or
5 reelection to that office.

6 (20) The thirty-fourth district consists of the townships of
7 Sumpter, Van Buren, and Huron in the county of Wayne and the cities
8 of Romulus and Belleville, is a district of the third class, and
9 has 3 judges.

10 (21) The thirty-fifth district consists of the cities of
11 Northville and Plymouth and the townships of Northville, Plymouth,
12 and Canton in the county of Wayne, is a district of the third
13 class, and has 3 judges.

14 Sec. 8123. (1) The forty-third district consists of the cities
15 of Madison Heights, Ferndale, and Hazel Park, is a district of the
16 third class, and has 3 judges.

17 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
18 forty-fourth district consists of the city of Royal Oak, is a
19 district of the third class, and has 2 judges. Beginning January 2,
20 2015, the forty-fourth district consists of the cities of Royal Oak
21 and Berkley and has the following number of judges:

22 (a) Until the dates determined under subdivisions (b) and (c),
23 3 judges.

24 (b) Beginning January 3, 2015, the forty-fourth district has 2
25 judges beginning on the earlier of the following dates:

26 (i) The date on which a vacancy occurs in the office of
27 district judge in the forty-fourth district, **UNLESS THE VACANCY**

1 OCCURS AFTER A JUDGE'S SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE HAS BEEN ELECTED BUT
2 BEFORE THAT SUCCESSOR TAKES OFFICE.

3 (ii) The beginning date of the term for which an incumbent
4 district judge in the forty-fourth district no longer seeks
5 election or reelection to that office.

6 (c) Following the reduction in the number of judgeships from 3
7 to 2 under subdivision (b), the forty-fourth district has 1 judge
8 beginning on the earlier of the following dates:

9 (i) The date on which a vacancy occurs in the office of
10 district judge in the forty-fourth district, **UNLESS THE VACANCY**
11 **OCCURS AFTER A JUDGE'S SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE HAS BEEN ELECTED BUT**
12 **BEFORE THAT SUCCESSOR TAKES OFFICE.**

13 (ii) The beginning date of the term for which an incumbent
14 district judge in the forty-fourth district no longer seeks
15 election or reelection to that office.

16 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
17 forty-fifth-a district is created, consists of the city of Berkley,
18 is a district of the third class, and has 1 judge. The person
19 serving as judge of the forty-fifth-a district on June 30, 2012, or
20 his or her successor, shall serve as judge of the forty-fifth-a
21 district until that district is abolished under this subsection.
22 For purposes of the November 2014 general election only, the term
23 of the person elected district judge in the forty-fifth-a district
24 is 8 years. ~~Beginning July 1, 2012, the forty fifth district is~~
25 ~~created. The forty fifth district consists of the cities of~~
26 ~~Huntington Woods, Oak Park, and Pleasant Ridge and the township of~~
27 ~~Royal Oak in the county of Oakland, is a district of the third~~

1 ~~class, and has 2 judges.~~ Beginning January 2, 2015, the forty-
2 fifth-a district is abolished and the judge of the forty-fifth-a
3 district shall become a judge of the forty-fourth district for the
4 balance of the term to which he or she was elected or appointed.
5 Sections 8175 and 8176 do not apply to the reorganization of the
6 forty-fourth, forty-fifth, forty-fifth-a, and forty-fifth-b
7 districts. Any physical reorganization required to accomplish the
8 reorganization of district boundaries under this subsection and
9 subsection (2) shall be completed no later than January 1, 2021.
10 ~~For purposes of the November 2014 general election only, the term~~
11 ~~of the candidate for district judge in the forty fifth judicial~~
12 ~~district who receives the highest number of votes is 8 years and~~
13 ~~the term of the candidate for district judge in the forty fifth~~
14 ~~judicial district who receives the second highest number of votes~~
15 ~~is 6 years.~~

16 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
17 forty-fifth-b district consists of the cities of Huntington Woods,
18 Oak Park, and Pleasant Ridge and the township of Royal Oak in the
19 county of Oakland, is a district of the third class, and has 2
20 judges. **BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012, THE FORTY-FIFTH DISTRICT IS**
21 **CREATED. THE FORTY-FIFTH DISTRICT CONSISTS OF THE CITIES OF**
22 **HUNTINGTON WOODS, OAK PARK, AND PLEASANT RIDGE AND THE TOWNSHIP OF**
23 **ROYAL OAK IN THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND, IS A DISTRICT OF THE THIRD**
24 **CLASS, AND HAS 2 JUDGES.** Beginning July 1, 2012, the forty-fifth-b
25 district is abolished and the judges of the forty-fifth-b district
26 shall become judges of the forty-fifth district for the balance of
27 the term to which they were elected or appointed. **FOR PURPOSES OF**

1 THE NOVEMBER 2014 GENERAL ELECTION ONLY, THE TERM OF THE CANDIDATE
2 FOR DISTRICT JUDGE IN THE FORTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT WHO
3 RECEIVES THE GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES IS 8 YEARS AND THE TERM OF
4 THE CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT JUDGE IN THE FORTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL
5 DISTRICT WHO RECEIVES THE SECOND GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES IS 6
6 YEARS.

7 (5) The forty-sixth district consists of the cities of
8 Southfield and Lathrup Village and the township of Southfield in
9 the county of Oakland, is a district of the third class, and has 3
10 judges.

11 (6) The forty-seventh district consists of the cities of
12 Farmington and Farmington Hills, is a district of the third class,
13 and has 2 judges.

14 (7) The forty-eighth district consists of the cities of
15 Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Sylvan Lake, Keego Harbor, and
16 Orchard Lake Village and the townships of Bloomfield and West
17 Bloomfield in the county of Oakland, is a district of the third
18 class, and has the following number of judges:

19 (a) Until the date determined under subdivision (b), the
20 forty-eighth district has 3 judges.

21 (b) The forty-eighth district has 2 judges beginning on the
22 earlier of the following dates:

23 (i) The date on which a vacancy occurs in the office of
24 district judge in this district, **UNLESS THE VACANCY OCCURS AFTER A**
25 **JUDGE'S SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE HAS BEEN ELECTED BUT BEFORE THAT**
26 **SUCCESSOR TAKES OFFICE.**

27 (ii) The beginning date of the term for which an incumbent

1 district judge in this district no longer seeks election or
2 reelection to that office.

3 (8) The fiftieth district consists of the city of Pontiac, is
4 a district of the third class, and has the following number of
5 judges:

6 (a) Until the date determined under ~~subdivision (b)~~,
7 **SUBDIVISIONS (B) AND (C)**, 4 judges.

8 (b) The fiftieth district has 3 judges beginning on the
9 earlier of the following dates:

10 (i) The date on which a vacancy occurs in the office of
11 district judge in this district, **UNLESS THE VACANCY OCCURS AFTER A**
12 **JUDGE'S SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE HAS BEEN ELECTED BUT BEFORE THAT**
13 **SUCCESSOR TAKES OFFICE.**

14 (ii) The beginning date of the term for which an incumbent
15 district judge in this district no longer seeks election or
16 reelection to that office.

17 (C) **FOLLOWING, OR SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH, THE REDUCTION IN THE**
18 **NUMBER OF JUDGESHIPS FROM 4 TO 3 UNDER SUBDIVISION (B), THE**
19 **FIFTIETH DISTRICT HAS 2 JUDGES BEGINNING ON THE EARLIER OF THE**
20 **FOLLOWING DATES:**

21 (i) **THE DATE ON WHICH A VACANCY OCCURS IN THE OFFICE OF**
22 **DISTRICT JUDGE IN THIS DISTRICT, UNLESS THE VACANCY OCCURS AFTER A**
23 **JUDGE'S SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE HAS BEEN ELECTED BUT BEFORE THAT**
24 **SUCCESSOR TAKES OFFICE.**

25 (ii) **THE BEGINNING DATE OF THE TERM FOR WHICH AN INCUMBENT**
26 **DISTRICT JUDGE IN THIS DISTRICT NO LONGER SEEKS ELECTION OR**
27 **REELECTION TO THAT OFFICE.**

1 (9) The fifty-first district consists of the township of
2 Waterford in the county of Oakland, is a district of the third
3 class, and has 2 judges.

4 (10) The fifty-second district consists of the county of
5 Oakland except the cities of Madison Heights, Ferndale, Hazel Park,
6 Royal Oak, Berkley, Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge,
7 Southfield, Lathrup Village, Farmington, Farmington Hills,
8 Northville, Sylvan Lake, Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake Village,
9 Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, and Pontiac and the townships of
10 Royal Oak, Southfield, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield, and Waterford,
11 is a district of the second class, and is divided into the
12 following election divisions:

13 (a) The first division consists of the cities of Novi, South
14 Lyon, Wixom, and Walled Lake and the townships of Milford,
15 Highland, Commerce, Lyon, and Novi and has 3 judges.

16 (b) The second division consists of the city of the village of
17 Clarkston and the townships of Springfield, Independence, Holly,
18 Groveland, Brandon, Rose, and White Lake and has 2 judges.

19 (c) The third division consists of the cities of Rochester,
20 Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills, and Lake Angelus and the townships
21 of Oxford, Addison, Orion, and Oakland and has 3 judges.

22 (d) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, the
23 fourth division consists of the cities of Troy and Clawson and has
24 3 judges. Beginning 12 noon, January 1, 2013, the fourth division
25 has 2 judges.

26 Sec. 8130. (1) The sixty-first district consists of the city
27 of Grand Rapids, is a district of the third class and has 5-6

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1 judges. ~~Subject to section 8175, this district may have 1~~
 2 ~~additional judge effective January 1, 1989.~~

3 (2) The sixty-second-a district consists of the city of
 4 Wyoming, is a district of the third class and has 2 judges.

5 (3) The sixty-second-b district consists of the city of
 6 Kentwood, is a district of the third class and has 1 judge.

7 (4) ~~The~~ << >> **THE** sixty-third
 8 district consists of the county of Kent, except the cities of Grand
 9 Rapids, Walker, Grandville, Wyoming and Kentwood, is a district of
 10 the second class, and is divided into the following election
 11 divisions:

12 (a) The first division consists of the cities of Cedar Springs
 13 and Rockford and the townships of Tyrone, Solon, Nelson, Spencer,
 14 Sparta, Algoma, Courtland, Oakfield, Alpine, Plainfield, Cannon,
 15 and Grattan and has 1 judge.

16 (b) The second division consists of the cities of East Grand
 17 Rapids and Lowell and the townships of Grand Rapids, Ada,
 18 Vergennes, Cascade, Lowell, Byron, Gaines, Caledonia, and Bowne and
 19 has 1 judge.

20 (5) **BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014, THE SIXTY-THIRD DISTRICT**
 21 **CONSISTS OF THE COUNTY OF KENT, EXCEPT THE CITIES OF GRAND RAPIDS,**
 22 **WALKER, GRANDVILLE, WYOMING, AND KENTWOOD, IS A DISTRICT OF THE**
 23 **SECOND CLASS, AND HAS 2 JUDGES. SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (6) AND**
 24 **SECTION 8175, THIS DISTRICT MAY HAVE 1 ADDITIONAL JUDGE BEGINNING**
 25 **JANUARY 1, 2015. FOR PURPOSES OF THE NOVEMBER 2014 GENERAL**
 26 **ELECTION, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:**

27 (A) **THE TERM OF THE CANDIDATE FOR AN EXISTING JUDGESHIP WHO**

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1 RECEIVES THE GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES IS 8 YEARS.

2 (B) THE TERM OF THE CANDIDATE FOR AN EXISTING JUDGESHIP WHO
3 RECEIVES THE SECOND GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES IS 6 YEARS.

4 (C) IF A NEW JUDGESHIP IS ADDED TO THIS DISTRICT BEGINNING
5 JANUARY 1, 2015, THE TERM OF THE CANDIDATE FOR THE NEW JUDGESHIP
6 WHO RECEIVES THE GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES IS 4 YEARS.

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11 Sec. 8134. (1) ~~The~~ UNLESS THE SIXTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT COURT AND
12 THE SIXTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT COURT ARE CONSOLIDATED UNDER SUBSECTION
13 (4), THE sixty-seventh district consists of the county of Genesee
14 except the city of Flint, is a district of the second class, and is
15 divided into the following election divisions:

16 (a) The first division consists of the cities of Flushing and
17 Clio and the townships of Flushing, Flint, Montrose, Thetford, and
18 Vienna and has 1 judge.

19 (b) The second division consists of the cities of Davison and
20 Burton and the townships of Davison, Forest, Richfield, and Atlas
21 and has 2 judges.

22 (c) The third division consists of the city of Mt. Morris and
23 the townships of Mt. Morris and Genesee and has 1 judge.

24 (d) The fourth division consists of the cities of Fenton,
25 Grand Blanc, and Swartz Creek and the townships of Fenton,
26 Argentine, Grand Blanc, Mundy, Gaines, and Clayton and has 2
27 judges.

1 (2) ~~Notwithstanding~~ **UNLESS THE SIXTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT COURT**
2 **AND THE SIXTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT COURT ARE CONSOLIDATED UNDER**
3 **SUBSECTION (4), NOTWITHSTANDING** any other provision of this act,
4 the county board of commissioners may by resolution designate the
5 county seat as a place where the court for the sixty-seventh
6 district shall sit in a central court facility. The adoption of a
7 resolution described in this subsection does not require the
8 approval of the majority of the judges of the district, and binds
9 the county to maintain a court facility in each municipality in the
10 sixty-seventh district where a court facility exists on the date of
11 the resolution.

12 (3) ~~The~~ **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (4), THE** sixty-eighth
13 district consists of the city of Flint, is a district of the third
14 class, and has the following number of judges:

15 (a) Until the date determined under subdivision (b) takes
16 effect, this district has 5 judges.

17 (b) This district has 4 judges beginning on the earlier of the
18 following dates:

19 (i) The date on which a vacancy occurs in the office of
20 district judge in the sixty-eighth district, **UNLESS THE VACANCY**
21 **OCCURS AFTER A JUDGE'S SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE HAS BEEN ELECTED BUT**
22 **BEFORE THAT SUCCESSOR TAKES OFFICE.**

23 (ii) The beginning date of the term for which an incumbent
24 district judge in the sixty-eighth district no longer seeks
25 election or reelection to that office.

26 (4) **IF THE GOVERNING BODIES OF THE COUNTY OF GENESEE AND THE**
27 **CITY OF FLINT APPROVE BY RESOLUTIONS THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE**

1 SIXTY-SEVENTH AND SIXTY-EIGHTH DISTRICTS, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING
2 APPLY:

3 (A) BEGINNING THE FIRST JANUARY 2 AFTER THE APPROVAL OF BOTH
4 GOVERNING BODIES, THE SIXTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT IS ABOLISHED AND THE
5 SIXTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT CONSISTS OF THE COUNTY OF GENESEE, IS A
6 DISTRICT OF THE FIRST CLASS, AND IS DIVIDED INTO THE FOLLOWING
7 ELECTION DIVISIONS:

8 (i) THE FIRST DIVISION CONSISTS OF THE CITIES OF FLUSHING AND
9 CLIO AND THE TOWNSHIPS OF FLUSHING, FLINT, MONTROSE, THETFORD, AND
10 VIENNA AND HAS 1 JUDGE.

11 (ii) THE SECOND DIVISION CONSISTS OF THE CITIES OF DAVISON AND
12 BURTON AND THE TOWNSHIPS OF DAVISON, FOREST, RICHFIELD, AND ATLAS
13 AND HAS 2 JUDGES.

14 (iii) THE THIRD DIVISION CONSISTS OF THE CITY OF MT. MORRIS AND
15 THE TOWNSHIPS OF MT. MORRIS AND GENESEE AND HAS 1 JUDGE.

16 (iv) THE FOURTH DIVISION CONSISTS OF THE CITIES OF FENTON,
17 GRAND BLANC, AND SWARTZ CREEK AND THE TOWNSHIPS OF FENTON,
18 ARGENTINE, GRAND BLANC, MUNDY, GAINES, AND CLAYTON AND HAS 2
19 JUDGES.

20 (v) THE FIFTH DIVISION CONSISTS OF THE CITY OF FLINT. THE
21 JUDGESHIPS IN THE FIFTH DIVISION SHALL BE FILLED BY THE INCUMBENT
22 JUDGES OF THE SIXTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT, WHO SHALL BECOME JUDGES OF THE
23 FIFTH DIVISION FOR THE BALANCE OF THE TERM TO WHICH THEY WERE
24 ELECTED OR APPOINTED. THE FIFTH DIVISION HAS THE FOLLOWING NUMBER
25 OF JUDGES:

26 (A) IF THERE ARE 5 JUDGES IN THE SIXTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT AT THE
27 TIME THE SIXTY-SEVENTH AND SIXTY-EIGHTH DISTRICTS ARE CONSOLIDATED,

1 THIS DIVISION HAS 5 JUDGES. THIS DIVISION HAS 4 JUDGES BEGINNING ON
2 THE DATE ON WHICH A VACANCY OCCURS IN THE OFFICE OF DISTRICT JUDGE
3 IN THIS DIVISION UNLESS THE VACANCY OCCURS AFTER A JUDGE'S
4 SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE HAS BEEN ELECTED BUT BEFORE THAT SUCCESSOR
5 TAKES OFFICE, OR THE BEGINNING DATE OF THE TERM FOR WHICH AN
6 INCUMBENT DISTRICT JUDGE IN THIS DIVISION NO LONGER SEEKS ELECTION
7 OR REELECTION TO THAT OFFICE, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER.

8 (B) IF THERE ARE 4 JUDGES IN THE SIXTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT AT THE
9 TIME THE SIXTY-SEVENTH AND SIXTY-EIGHTH DISTRICTS ARE CONSOLIDATED,
10 THIS DIVISION HAS 4 JUDGES.

11 (B) THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF GENESEE AND THE CLERK OF THE
12 CITY OF FLINT SHALL FILE COPIES OF THE RESOLUTIONS WITH THE STATE
13 COURT ADMINISTRATOR, WHO, AS AUTHORIZED BY THE SUPREME COURT, SHALL
14 NOTIFY THE ELECTIONS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THAT THE
15 CONSOLIDATION HAS BEEN APPROVED UNDER THIS SECTION AND THE DATE ON
16 WHICH THE CONSOLIDATION WILL TAKE EFFECT.

17 (C) BY PROPOSING OR AUTHORIZING THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE
18 SIXTY-SEVENTH AND SIXTY-EIGHTH DISTRICTS, THE LEGISLATURE IS NOT
19 CREATING A NEW OBLIGATION FOR ANY AFFECTED DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT.
20 IF A DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT, ACTING THROUGH ITS GOVERNING BODY,
21 APPROVES THE CONSOLIDATION, THEN THE APPROVAL CONSTITUTES AN
22 EXERCISE OF THE DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT'S OPTION TO INCREASE THE
23 LEVEL OF ACTIVITY AND SERVICE OFFERED IN THAT DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT
24 BEYOND THAT REQUIRED BY EXISTING LAW, AS THE ELEMENTS OF THAT
25 OPTION ARE PRESCRIBED BY 1979 PA 101, MCL 21.231 TO 21.244, AND A
26 VOLUNTARY ACCEPTANCE BY THAT DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT OF ALL EXPENSES
27 AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS THAT MAY RESULT FROM THE CONSOLIDATION OF

1 THE DISTRICTS. HOWEVER, THE EXERCISE OF THE OPTION DOES NOT AFFECT
2 THE STATE'S OBLIGATION TO PAY THE SAME PORTION OF EACH JUDGE'S
3 SALARY THAT IS PAID BY THE STATE TO OTHER DISTRICT JUDGES AS
4 PROVIDED BY LAW, OR TO APPROPRIATE AND DISBURSE FUNDS TO THE
5 DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT FOR THE NECESSARY COSTS OF STATE REQUIREMENTS
6 ESTABLISHED BY A STATE LAW THAT TAKES EFFECT ON OR AFTER DECEMBER
7 23, 1978.

8 (D) SECTION 8177 DOES NOT APPLY TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE
9 SIXTY-SEVENTH AND SIXTY-EIGHTH DISTRICTS.

10 (E) THE COURT FACILITIES OF THE SIXTY-SEVENTH AND SIXTY-EIGHTH
11 DISTRICT COURT DISTRICTS, AS THE FACILITIES EXISTED ON THE
12 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBDIVISION,
13 SHALL NOT BE CLOSED BEFORE THE SECOND JANUARY 2 AFTER THE APPROVAL
14 OF BOTH GOVERNING BODIES.

15 Sec. 8135. The seventieth district consists of the county of
16 Saginaw, is a district of the first class, and is divided into the
17 following election divisions:

18 (a) The first division consists of the cities of Saginaw and
19 Zilwaukee and the townships of Zilwaukee, Buena Vista, Carrollton,
20 and Bridgeport, and has 3 judges. HOWEVER, THE FIRST DIVISION HAS 2
21 JUDGES BEGINNING ON THE DATE ON WHICH A VACANCY OCCURS IN THE
22 OFFICE OF DISTRICT JUDGE IN THE FIRST DIVISION UNLESS THE VACANCY
23 OCCURS AFTER A JUDGE'S SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE HAS BEEN ELECTED BUT
24 BEFORE THAT SUCCESSOR TAKES OFFICE, OR THE BEGINNING DATE OF THE
25 TERM FOR WHICH AN INCUMBENT DISTRICT JUDGE IN THE FIRST DIVISION NO
26 LONGER SEEKS ELECTION OR REELECTION TO THAT OFFICE, WHICHEVER IS
27 EARLIER.

1 (b) The second division consists of the county of Saginaw
2 except the cities of Saginaw and Zilwaukee and the townships of
3 Zilwaukee, Buena Vista, Carrollton, and Bridgeport, and has 3—2
4 judges. **HOWEVER, THE SECOND DIVISION HAS 3 JUDGES BEGINNING ON THE**
5 **DATE ON WHICH A VACANCY OCCURS IN THE OFFICE OF DISTRICT JUDGE IN**
6 **THE FIRST DIVISION, UNLESS THE VACANCY OCCURS AFTER A JUDGE'S**
7 **SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE HAS BEEN ELECTED BUT BEFORE THAT SUCCESSOR**
8 **TAKES OFFICE, OR THE BEGINNING DATE OF THE TERM FOR WHICH AN**
9 **INCUMBENT DISTRICT JUDGE IN THE FIRST DIVISION NO LONGER SEEKS**
10 **ELECTION OR REELECTION TO THAT OFFICE, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER. THE**
11 **JUDGESHIP TRANSFERRED FROM THE FIRST DIVISION TO THE SECOND**
12 **DIVISION IS NOT CONSIDERED AN ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIP FOR PURPOSES OF**
13 **SECTION 8175 AND MAY BE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR IF IT**
14 **IS THE RESULT OF A VACANCY IN THE FIRST DIVISION.**