

SENATE BILL No. 653

October 24, 2013, Introduced by Senators JONES, BRANDENBURG, HILDENBRAND and MARLEAU and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending sections 504, 507, 517, 518, 8121, 8130, 8134, 8135, and 8159 (MCL 600.504, 600.507, 600.517, 600.518, 600.8121, 600.8130, 600.8134, 600.8135, and 600.8159), 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 8121 as amended by 2012 PA 37, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Sec. 518. (1) The seventeenth judicial circuit consists of the
2 county of Kent and has 9-10 judges. Subject to **SUBSECTION (2) AND**
3 section 550, this judicial circuit may have 1 additional judge
4 ~~effective-BEGINNING~~ January 1, 2007-2015.

5 (2) **THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL NOT APPROVE THE**
6 **ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIP UNDER SUBSECTION (1) IF THE GOVERNING BODY OF**
7 **EACH DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT OF THE DISTRICT APPROVES THE CREATION OF**
8 **AN ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIP UNDER SECTION 8130.**

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

11 (2) The seventeenth district consists of the township of
12 Redford in the county of Wayne, is a district of the third class,
13 and has 2 judges.

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

21 (A) **THE TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT IS ABOLISHED AND THE EIGHTEENTH**
22 **DISTRICT CONSISTS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND AND THE CITY OF WAYNE, IS**
23 **A DISTRICT OF THE THIRD CLASS, AND HAS 3 JUDGES. THE ADDITIONAL**
24 **JUDGESHIP IN THE EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT SHALL BE FILLED BY THE**
25 **INCUMBENT JUDGE OF THE TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT, WHO SHALL BECOME A**
26 **JUDGE OF THE EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT FOR THE BALANCE OF THE TERM TO**
27 **WHICH HE OR SHE WAS ELECTED OR APPOINTED. FOR PURPOSES OF THE**

1 NOVEMBER 2018 GENERAL ELECTION ONLY, THE TERM OF THE CANDIDATE FOR
2 DISTRICT JUDGE IN THE EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT WHO RECEIVES THE GREATEST
3 NUMBER OF VOTES IS 10 YEARS AND THE TERM OF THE CANDIDATE FOR
4 DISTRICT JUDGE IN THE EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT WHO RECEIVES THE SECOND-
5 GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES IS 6 YEARS.

6 (B) THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND AND THE CLERK OF THE
7 CITY OF WAYNE SHALL FILE COPIES OF THE RESOLUTIONS WITH THE STATE
8 COURT ADMINISTRATOR, WHO, AS AUTHORIZED BY THE SUPREME COURT, SHALL
9 NOTIFY THE ELECTIONS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THAT THE
10 CONSOLIDATION HAS BEEN APPROVED UNDER THIS SECTION.

11 (C) BY PROPOSING OR AUTHORIZING THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE
12 EIGHTEENTH AND TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICTS, THE LEGISLATURE IS NOT
13 CREATING A NEW OBLIGATION FOR ANY AFFECTED DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT.
14 IF A DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT, ACTING THROUGH ITS GOVERNING BODY,
15 APPROVES THE CONSOLIDATION, THEN THE APPROVAL CONSTITUTES AN
16 EXERCISE OF THE DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT'S OPTION TO INCREASE THE
17 LEVEL OF ACTIVITY AND SERVICE OFFERED IN THAT DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT
18 BEYOND THAT REQUIRED BY EXISTING LAW, AS THE ELEMENTS OF THAT
19 OPTION ARE DEFINED BY 1979 PA 101, MCL 21.231 TO 21.244, AND A
20 VOLUNTARY ACCEPTANCE BY THAT DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT OF ALL EXPENSES
21 AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS THAT MAY RESULT FROM THE CONSOLIDATION OF
22 THE DISTRICTS. HOWEVER, THE EXERCISE OF THE OPTION DOES NOT AFFECT
23 THE STATE'S OBLIGATION TO PAY THE SAME PORTION OF EACH JUDGE'S
24 SALARY THAT IS PAID BY THE STATE TO OTHER DISTRICT JUDGES AS
25 PROVIDED BY LAW, OR TO APPROPRIATE AND DISBURSE FUNDS TO THE
26 DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT FOR THE NECESSARY COSTS OF STATE REQUIREMENTS
27 ESTABLISHED BY A STATE LAW THAT BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON OR AFTER

1 **DECEMBER 23, 1978.**

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

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

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

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

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

12 (9) The twenty-fourth district consists of the cities of Allen
13 Park and Melvindale, is a district of the third class, and has 2
14 judges.

15 (10) The twenty-fifth district consists of the ~~city of Lincoln~~
16 ~~Park, is a district of the third class, and has 2 judges. Beginning~~
17 ~~April 1, 2012, the twenty fifth district consists of the cities of~~
18 Ecorse, Lincoln Park, and River Rouge, is a district of the third
19 class, and has 3 judges. The additional judgeship in the twenty-
20 fifth district shall be filled by the incumbent judge of the
21 twenty-sixth district, who shall become a judge of the twenty-fifth
22 district for the balance of the term to which he or she was elected
23 or appointed. Sections 8175 and 8176 do not apply to the
24 consolidation of the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth districts.
25 Beginning April 2, 2012, the twenty-fifth district has 2 judges.

26 (11) The twenty-sixth district consists of the cities of River
27 Rouge and Ecorse, is a district of the third class, and has 1

1 judge. Beginning on April 1, 2012, the twenty-sixth district is
 2 abolished and the judge of the twenty-sixth district shall become a
 3 judge of the twenty-fifth district for the balance of the term to
 4 which he or she was elected or appointed.

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

8 (13) ~~The~~ **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE**
 9 twenty-eighth district consists of the city of Southgate, is a
 10 district of the third class, and has 1 judge. **IF THE GOVERNING**
 11 **BODIES OF THE CITIES OF SOUTHGATE, WYANDOTTE, AND RIVERVIEW APPROVE**
 12 **BY RESOLUTIONS THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH AND TWENTY-**
 13 **EIGHTH DISTRICTS BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2016, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING**
 14 **APPLY:**

15 (A) **BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016, THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT IS**
 16 **ABOLISHED AND THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT CONSISTS OF THE CITIES OF**
 17 **SOUTHGATE, WYANDOTTE, AND RIVERVIEW, IS A DISTRICT OF THE THIRD**
 18 **CLASS, AND HAS 2 JUDGES. THE ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIP IN THE TWENTY-**
 19 **EIGHTH DISTRICT SHALL BE FILLED BY THE INCUMBENT JUDGE OF THE**
 20 **TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT, WHO SHALL BECOME A JUDGE OF THE TWENTY-**
 21 **EIGHTH DISTRICT FOR THE BALANCE OF THE TERM TO WHICH HE OR SHE WAS**
 22 **ELECTED OR APPOINTED.**

23 (B) **THE CLERKS OF THE CITIES OF SOUTHGATE, WYANDOTTE, AND**
 24 **RIVERVIEW SHALL FILE COPIES OF THE RESOLUTIONS WITH THE STATE COURT**
 25 **ADMINISTRATOR WHO, AS AUTHORIZED BY THE SUPREME COURT, SHALL NOTIFY**
 26 **THE ELECTIONS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THAT THE**
 27 **CONSOLIDATION HAS BEEN APPROVED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 (19) The thirty-third district consists of the cities of
6 Trenton, Gibraltar, Woodhaven, Rockwood, and Flat Rock and the
7 townships of Brownstown and Grosse Ile in the county of Wayne, is a
8 district of the third class, and has the following number of
9 judges:

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

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

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

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

19 (20) The thirty-fourth district consists of the townships of
20 Sumpster, Van Buren, and Huron in the county of Wayne and the cities
21 of Romulus and Belleville, is a district of the third class, and
22 has 3 judges.

23 (21) The thirty-fifth district consists of the cities of
24 Northville and Plymouth and the townships of Northville, Plymouth,
25 and Canton in the county of Wayne, is a district of the third
26 class, and has 3 judges.

27 Sec. 8130. (1) The sixty-first district consists of the city

1 of Grand Rapids, is a district of the third class and has 5-6
2 judges. ~~Subject to section 8175, this district may have 1~~
3 ~~additional judge effective January 1, 1989.~~

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

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

8 (4) ~~The~~ **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (5), THE** sixty-third
9 district consists of the county of Kent, except the cities of Grand
10 Rapids, Walker, Grandville, Wyoming and Kentwood, is a district of
11 the second class, and is divided into the following election
12 divisions:

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

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

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

1 (A) THE TERM OF THE CANDIDATE FOR AN EXISTING JUDGESHIP WHO
2 RECEIVES THE GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES IS 8 YEARS.

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

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

8 (6) THE GOVERNING BODY OF EACH DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT OF THE
9 DISTRICT SHALL NOT APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIP UNDER
10 SUBSECTION (5) IF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE
11 CREATION OF AN ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIP UNDER SECTION 518.

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

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

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

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

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

1 judges.

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (4) **IF THE GOVERNING BODIES OF THE COUNTY OF GENESEE AND THE**

1 CITY OF FLINT APPROVE BY RESOLUTIONS THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE
2 SIXTY-SEVENTH AND SIXTY-EIGHTH DISTRICTS, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING
3 APPLY:

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (A) IF THERE ARE 5 JUDGES IN THE SIXTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT AT THE

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

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

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

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

1 AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS THAT MAY RESULT FROM THE CONSOLIDATION OF
2 THE DISTRICTS. HOWEVER, THE EXERCISE OF THE OPTION DOES NOT AFFECT
3 THE STATE'S OBLIGATION TO PAY THE SAME PORTION OF EACH JUDGE'S
4 SALARY THAT IS PAID BY THE STATE TO OTHER DISTRICT JUDGES AS
5 PROVIDED BY LAW, OR TO APPROPRIATE AND DISBURSE FUNDS TO THE
6 DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT FOR THE NECESSARY COSTS OF STATE REQUIREMENTS
7 ESTABLISHED BY A STATE LAW THAT TAKES EFFECT ON OR AFTER DECEMBER
8 23, 1978.

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

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

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

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

1 **EARLIER.**

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

16 Sec. 8159. ~~The~~ **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION,**
17 **THE** ninety-fourth district consists of the county of Delta, is a
18 district of the first class, and has 1 judge. **BEGINNING JANUARY 2,**
19 **2015, THE NINETY-FOURTH DISTRICT CONSISTS OF THE COUNTY OF DELTA**
20 **AND IS A DISTRICT OF THE FIRST CLASS. UNDER SECTION 810A, A PROBATE**
21 **JUDGE FOR THE COUNTY OF DELTA SHALL SERVE AS JUDGE OF THE NINETY-**
22 **FOURTH DISTRICT.**