

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 694

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"
by amending sections 504, 511, 515, 521, 803, and 8154 (MCL
600.504, 600.511, 600.515, 600.521, 600.803, and 600.8154), section
504 as amended by 2014 PA 59, section 511 as amended by 2018 PA 6,
section 521 as amended by 2001 PA 256, section 803 as amended by
2012 PA 36, and section 8154 as amended by 2012 PA 20.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 504. **(1)** The third judicial circuit consists of the
2 county of Wayne and has the following number of judges:
3 (a) Until 12 noon, January 1, 2015, 60 judges.
4 (b) Beginning 12 noon, January 1, 2015, 56 judges. The 4
5 judgeships eliminated from this circuit at 12 noon, January 1, 2015

1 shall be the judgeships of 4 of the judges who are not eligible to
 2 run for reelection in 2014 due to constitutional limitation on ~~the~~
 3 ~~effective date of the amendatory act that added this sentence.~~**March**
 4 **27, 2014.**

5 **(2) Subject to section 550, this judicial circuit may have 1**
 6 **additional judge effective January 1, 2023.**

7 Sec. 511. ~~(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), the~~**The**
 8 tenth judicial circuit consists of the county of Saginaw and has 5
 9 judges.

10 ~~(2) Beginning on the earlier of the following dates, the tenth~~
 11 ~~judicial circuit has 4 judges:~~

12 ~~(a) The date on which a vacancy occurs in the office of~~
 13 ~~circuit judge in the tenth judicial circuit, unless the vacancy~~
 14 ~~occurs after the vacating judge has been defeated in a primary or~~
 15 ~~general election.~~

16 ~~(b) The beginning date of the term for which an incumbent~~
 17 ~~circuit judge in the tenth judicial circuit no longer seeks~~
 18 ~~election or reelection to that office.~~

19 Sec. 515. **(1)** The fourteenth judicial circuit consists of the
 20 county of Muskegon and has 4 judges.

21 **(2) Subject to section 550, this judicial circuit may have 1**
 22 **additional judge effective January 1, 2023. If this judgeship is**
 23 **added to the fourteenth judicial circuit, the initial term of**
 24 **office of the judgeship is 8 years.**

25 Sec. 521. **(1)** The twentieth judicial circuit consists of the
 26 county of Ottawa and has ~~3~~**4** judges.

27 **(2) Subject to section 550, ~~the twentieth~~**this** judicial**
 28 **circuit may have 1 additional judge effective January 1, ~~2005~~**2023.****
 29 **If this judgeship is added to the twentieth judicial circuit, the**

1 **initial term of office of the judgeship is 8 years.**

2 Sec. 803. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
3 each county that is not part of a probate court district created by
4 law has 1 judge of probate.

5 (2) Each probate court district created by law has 1 judge of
6 probate.

7 (3) The county of Sanilac has 1 judge of probate. Under
8 section 15 of article VI of the state constitution of 1963, the
9 office of probate judge for the county of Sanilac ~~shall be~~ **is**
10 combined with the office of judge of the seventy-third-a judicial
11 district. ~~, and the incumbent judge of the seventy-third-a judicial~~
12 ~~district shall become the probate judge for the county of Sanilac~~
13 ~~for the balance of the term to which he or she was elected.~~

14 (4) The county of Huron has the following number of judges of
15 probate:

16 ~~(a) Until April 1, 2012, 1 judge.~~

17 **(a)** ~~(b)~~ Beginning April 1, 2012, under section 15 of article
18 VI of the state constitution of 1963, the office of probate judge
19 for the county of Huron ~~shall be~~ **is** combined with the office of
20 judge of the seventy-third-b judicial district, and the county of
21 Huron shall have 2 judges of probate. The judgeship added under
22 this subdivision ~~shall~~ **must** be filled by the incumbent judge of the
23 seventy-third-b judicial district, who shall become a probate judge
24 for the county of Huron for the balance of the term to which he or
25 she was elected.

26 **(b)** ~~(e)~~ Beginning the earlier of the following dates, the
27 county of Huron has 1 judge of probate:

28 (i) The date on which a vacancy occurs in the office of probate
29 judge in this county.

1 (ii) The beginning date of the term for which an incumbent
2 probate judge in this county no longer seeks election or reelection
3 to that office.

4 (5) The county of Chippewa has ~~the following number of judges~~
5 **1 judge** of probate. †

6 ~~(a) Until April 1, 2012, 1 judge.~~

7 ~~(b) Beginning April 1, 2012, under~~ **Under** section 15 of article
8 VI of the state constitution of 1963, the office of probate judge
9 for the county of Chippewa ~~shall be~~ **is** combined with the office of
10 judge of the ninety-first judicial district. ~~, and the county of~~
11 Chippewa shall have ~~2 judges of probate. The judgeship added under~~
12 ~~this subdivision shall be filled by the incumbent judge of the~~
13 ~~ninety-first judicial district, who shall become a probate judge~~
14 ~~for the county of Chippewa for the balance of the term to which he~~
15 ~~or she was elected.~~

16 ~~(c) Beginning the earlier of the following dates, the county~~
17 ~~of Chippewa has 1 judge of probate:~~

18 ~~(i) The date on which a vacancy occurs in the office of probate~~
19 ~~judge in this county.~~

20 ~~(ii) The beginning date of the term for which an incumbent~~
21 ~~probate judge in this county no longer seeks election or reelection~~
22 ~~to that office.~~

23 (6) The counties of Berrien, Genesee, Ingham, Macomb, Monroe,
24 Muskegon, Saginaw, St. Clair, and Washtenaw each has 2 judges of
25 probate.

26 (7) The county of Kalamazoo has 3 judges of probate.

27 (8) The county of Kent has 4 judges of probate. **Subject to**
28 **section 805, the county of Kent may have 1 additional judge**
29 **beginning January 1, 2023.**

1 (9) The county of Oakland has 4 judges of probate.

2 (10) The county of Wayne has 8 judges of probate.

3 (11) When 1 or more new judges of probate are authorized in a
4 county under this section, the new judgeship or judgeships shall
5 **must** appear on the ballot separate and apart from other judicial
6 offices of the same court in the primary and general election.

7 Sec. 8154. ~~(1) Until the date determined under subsection (2),~~
8 ~~the~~**The** eighty-ninth district consists of the counties of Cheboygan
9 and Presque Isle, is a district of the first class, and has 1
10 judge.

11 ~~(2) Beginning on the date on which a vacancy occurs in the~~
12 ~~office of district judge in the eighty-ninth district or the~~
13 ~~beginning date of the term for which the incumbent district judge~~
14 ~~in the eighty-ninth district no longer seeks election or reelection~~
15 ~~to that office, whichever is earlier, the eighty-ninth district~~
16 ~~consists of the counties of Cheboygan and Presque Isle and is a~~
17 ~~district of the first class. Under section 810a, the probate judge~~
18 ~~for the county of Cheboygan shall serve as judge of the eighty-~~
19 ~~ninth district within the county of Cheboygan and the probate judge~~
20 ~~for the county of Presque Isle shall serve as judge of the eighty-~~
21 ~~ninth district within the county of Presque Isle.~~