

**REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 236 of 1961**

**600.9937 Twenty-sixth, twenty-eighth, thirtieth, thirty-first, thirty-second-a, and sixty-second-b districts; commencement of district courts and abolition of municipal courts; municipal judge as district court judge; reduction of district judges by 1; election to district court; affidavit of candidacy; designation on ballot; election and terms of district judges.**

Sec. 9937.

(1) Effective January 1, 1979, the district court shall commence to function in the twenty-sixth, twenty-eighth, thirtieth, thirty-first, thirty-second-a, sixty-second-a and sixty-second-b districts and as of that date, all municipal courts within those districts shall be abolished.

(2) Effective January 1, 1979, the elected incumbent attorney municipal judge of the city of Highland Park shall become a judge of the district court within the thirtieth district as provided in section 8121(15) and shall serve as a district judge until 12 noon of January 1 of the odd numbered year next following the date on which his term as municipal judge would normally have expired. The number of district judges to be elected under subsection (3) in 1978 in the thirtieth district shall accordingly be reduced by 1. In seeking election to the district court after January 1, 1979, the municipal judge becoming a judge of the district court pursuant to this subsection may file an affidavit of candidacy in like manner as other incumbent judges of the district court and shall be entitled to designation on the ballot as a judge of the district court.

(3) In the twenty-sixth, twenty-eighth, thirtieth, thirty-first, thirty-second-a, sixty-second-a and sixty-second-b districts in which municipal courts are abolished pursuant to subsection (1), district judges shall be elected in 1978 as provided in chapter 21A of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, as amended, being sections 168.467 to 168.467m of the Michigan Compiled Laws. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), the number of district judges to be elected in each district or election division shall be as provided in sections 8121 and 8130. If only 1 judge is to be elected in a district or election division at the 1978 general election, the judge shall serve a term of 6 years. If 2 judges are to be elected in a district or election division at the 1978 general election, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the general election to fill those offices shall serve a term of 6 years and the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve a term of 4 years.

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