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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 431

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 431 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Circuit Courts Act is amended by adding
5 Section 2s as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 35/2s new)

7 Sec. 2s. Additional resident judges; Circuit of Cook
8 County. The associate judgeships in the Circuit of Cook County
9 existing on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
10 101st General Assembly are converted into resident judgeships.
11 The Supreme Court shall allot the resident judgeships created
12 by this Section for election from the 15 subcircuits.

13 Section 10. The Associate Judges Act is amended by changing
14 Section 2 as follows:

1 (705 ILCS 45/2) (from Ch. 37, par. 160.2)

2 Sec. 2. (a) The maximum number of associate judges
3 authorized for each circuit is the greater of the applicable
4 minimum number specified in this Section or one for each 35,000
5 or fraction thereof in population as determined by the last
6 preceding Federal census, except for circuits with a population
7 of more than 3,000,000 where the maximum number of associate
8 judges is one for each 29,000 or fraction thereof in population
9 as determined by the last preceding federal census, reduced in
10 circuits of less than 200,000 inhabitants by the number of
11 resident circuit judges elected in the circuit in excess of one
12 per county. In addition, in circuits of 1,000,000 or more
13 inhabitants, there shall be one additional associate judge
14 authorized for each municipal district of the circuit court.
15 The number of associate judges to be appointed in each circuit,
16 not to exceed the maximum authorized, shall be determined from
17 time to time by the Circuit Court. The minimum number of
18 associate judges authorized for any circuit consisting of a
19 single county, other than the circuit of Cook, shall be 14,
20 except that the minimum in the 22nd circuit shall be 8 and
21 except that the minimum in the 19th circuit on and after
22 December 4, 2006 shall be 20. The minimum number of associate
23 judges authorized for any circuit consisting of 2 counties with
24 a combined population of at least 275,000 but less than 300,000
25 shall be 10. The minimum number of associate judges authorized
26 for any circuit with a population of at least 303,000 but not

1 more than 309,000 shall be 10. The minimum number of associate
2 judges authorized for any circuit with a population of at least
3 329,000, but not more than 349,999 shall be 11. The minimum
4 number of associate judges authorized for any circuit with a
5 population of at least 173,000 shall be 5. As used in this
6 Section, the term "resident circuit judge" has the meaning
7 given it in the Judicial Vacancies Act.

8 (b) The maximum number of associate judges authorized under
9 subsection (a) for a circuit with a population of more than
10 3,000,000 shall be reduced as provided in this subsection (b).
11 For each vacancy that exists on or occurs on or after the
12 effective date of this amendatory Act of 1990, that maximum
13 number shall be reduced by one until the total number of
14 associate judges authorized under subsection (a) is reduced by
15 60. A vacancy exists or occurs when an associate judge dies,
16 resigns, retires, is removed, or is not reappointed upon
17 expiration of his or her term; a vacancy does not exist or
18 occur at the expiration of a term if the associate judge is
19 reappointed.

20 (c) The maximum number of associate judges authorized under
21 subsection (a) for the 17th judicial circuit shall be reduced
22 as provided in this subsection (c). Due to the vacancy that
23 exists on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of
24 the 93rd General Assembly in the associate judgeship that is
25 converted into a resident judgeship under subsection (a-10) of
26 Section 2f-6 of the Circuit Courts Act, the maximum number of

1 judges authorized under subsection (a) of this Section shall be
2 reduced by one. A vacancy exists or occurs when an associate
3 judge dies, resigns, retires, is removed, or is not reappointed
4 upon expiration of his or her term; a vacancy does not exist or
5 occur at the expiration of a term if the associate judge is
6 reappointed.

7 (d) The maximum number of associate judges authorized under
8 subsection (a) for the 23rd judicial circuit shall be reduced
9 as provided in this subsection (d). Due to the vacancy that
10 exists on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of
11 the 98th General Assembly in the associate judgeship that is
12 converted into a resident judgeship under subsection (k) of
13 Section 2f-10 of the Circuit Courts Act, the maximum number of
14 judges authorized under subsection (a) of this Section shall be
15 reduced by one.

16 (e) The maximum number of associate judges authorized under
17 subsection (a) for the circuit of Cook County shall be reduced
18 as provided in this subsection. The maximum number of judges
19 authorized under subsection (a) shall be reduced by the number
20 of associate judgeships converted into resident judgeships
21 under Section 2s of the Circuit Courts Act.

22 (Source: P.A. 98-744, eff. 7-16-14; 99-520, eff. 6-30-16.)".