1   AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 960

2   AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 960 by replacing

3   everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4   "Section 5. The Associate Judges Act is amended by

5   changing Section 2 as follows:

6   (705 ILCS 45/2) (from Ch. 37, par. 160.2)

7   Sec. 2. (a) The maximum number of associate judges

8   authorized for each circuit is the greater of the applicable

9   minimum number specified in this Section or one for each

10   35,000 or fraction thereof in population as determined by the

11   last preceding Federal census, except for circuits with a

12   population of more than 3,000,000 where the maximum number of

13   associate judges is one for each 29,000 or fraction thereof

14   in population as determined by the last preceding federal

15   census, reduced in circuits of less than 200,000 inhabitants

16   by the number of resident circuit judges elected in the

17   circuit in excess of one per county. In addition, in

18   circuits of 1,000,000 or more inhabitants, there shall be one

19   additional associate judge authorized for each municipal

20   district of the circuit court. The number of associate judges

21   to be appointed in each circuit, not to exceed the maximum

22   authorized, shall be determined from time to time by the

1   Circuit Court. The minimum number of associate judges
2   authorized for any circuit consisting of a single county
3   shall be 14, except that the minimum in the 22nd circuit
4   shall   be   8.   The minimum number of associate judges
5   authorized for any circuit consisting of 2 counties with a
6   combined population of at least 275,000 but less than 300,000
7   shall   be   10.   The minimum number of associate judges
8   authorized for any circuit with a population of at least
9   303,000 but not more than 309,000 shall be 10. The minimum
10   number of associate judges authorized for any circuit with a
11   population of at least 329,000, but not more than 335,000
12   shall be 11. The minimum number of associate judges
13   authorized for any circuit with a population of at least
14   173,000 shall be 5. As used in this Section, the term
15   "resident circuit judge" has the meaning given it in the
16   Judicial Vacancies Act.
17   (b) The maximum number of associate judges authorized
18   under subsection (a) for a circuit with a population of more
19   than 3,000,000 shall be reduced as provided   in   this
20   subsection (b). For each vacancy that exists on or occurs on
21   or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1990,
22   that maximum number shall be reduced by one until the total
23   number of associate judges authorized under subsection (a) is
24   reduced by 60. A vacancy exists or occurs when an associate
25   judge dies, resigns, retires, is removed, or is   not
26   reappointed upon expiration of his or her term; a vacancy
27   does not exist or occur at the expiration of a term if the
28   associate judge is reappointed.
29   (c) The ~~maximum~~ number of associate judges authorized
30   under subsection (a) for the 12th judicial circuit<u>, which is</u>
31   <u>one associate judge for each 35,000 or fraction thereof of</u>
32   <u>population as determined by the last preceding federal</u>
33   <u>census,</u> shall be reduced as provided in this subsection (c).
34   For each vacancy that ~~exists on or~~ occurs after <u>August 18,</u>

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2   General-Assembly, that maximum number shall be reduced by one

3   until the total number of associate judges authorized under

4   subsection (a) is reduced by 2. At no time shall the number

5   of associate judges be reduced below the minimum number of

6   associate judgeships authorized under subsection (a). A

7   vacancy exists-or occurs when (i) a new associate judgeship

8   has been authorized under subsection (a) for the 12th

9   judicial circuit, but has not been filled by appointment or

10   (ii) an associate judge dies, resigns, retires, is removed,

11   or is not reappointed upon expiration of his or her term. A

12   vacancy does not exist-or occur at the expiration of a term

13   if the associate judge is reappointed.

14   (Source: P.A. 92-17, eff. 6-28-01; 93-541, eff. 8-18-03.)

15   Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

16   becoming law.".