

1 AN ACT concerning judges.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

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 one for each 35,000 or
9 fraction thereof in population as determined by the last
10 preceding Federal census, except for circuits with a
11 population of more than 3,000,000 where the maximum number of
12 associate judges is one for each 29,000 or fraction thereof
13 in population as determined by the last preceding federal
14 census, reduced in circuits of less than 200,000 inhabitants
15 by the number of resident circuit judges elected in the
16 circuit in excess of one per county. In addition, in
17 circuits of 1,000,000 or more inhabitants, there shall be one
18 additional associate judge authorized for each municipal
19 district of the circuit court. The number of associate judges
20 to be appointed in each circuit, not to exceed the maximum
21 authorized, shall be determined from time to time by the
22 Circuit Court. The minimum number of associate judges
23 authorized for any circuit consisting of a single county
24 shall be 14. The minimum number of associate judges
25 authorized for any circuit consisting of 2 counties with a
26 combined population of at least 275,000 but less than 300,000
27 shall be 10. The minimum number of associate judges
28 authorized for any circuit with a population of at least
29 303,000 but not more than 309,000 shall be 10. The minimum
30 number of associate judges authorized for any circuit with a
31 population of at least 329,000, but not more than 335,000

1 shall be 11. The minimum number of associate judges
2 authorized for any circuit with a population of at least
3 173,000 ~~but--not--more--than--177,000~~ shall be 5. As used in
4 this Section, the term "resident circuit judge" has the
5 meaning given it in the Judicial Vacancies Act.

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

18 (Source: P.A. 86-786; 86-1478; 87-145; 87-435; 87-1073;
19 87-1230; 87-1261.)

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law.