
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CIRCUIT COURTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 603-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§603-4 Other circuits; judges.** The circuit court of the
4 fifth circuit shall consist of two judges, who shall be styled
5 as first and second judge, and each as a judge of the circuit
6 court of the fifth circuit. The circuit court of the second
7 circuit shall consist of [~~four~~] five judges, who shall be styled
8 as first, second, third, [~~and~~] fourth, and fifth judge, and each
9 as a judge of the circuit court of the second circuit. The
10 circuit court of the third circuit shall consist of four judges,
11 who shall be styled as first, second, third, and fourth judge,
12 and each as a judge of the circuit court of the third circuit."

13 SECTION 2. Section 603-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 "**§603-12 Sessions, held where.** Except as otherwise
16 provided by statute, the sessions of the circuit courts shall be
17 held as follows: In the first circuit, at Honolulu; in the
18 second circuit, at Wailuku; provided that sessions shall be held



1 in Kaunakakai when one or more of the parties is a resident of
2 Molokai; in the third circuit, at Hilo and Kona; in the fifth
3 circuit, at Lihue."

4 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to
7 establish the position of a fifth judge of the circuit court of
8 the second circuit who shall hold sessions in Wailuku and
9 Kaunakakai and to provide for the rental or purchase of an
10 accessible location in Kaunakakai in which to hold sessions of
11 the second judicial circuit court as necessary.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary for
13 the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.
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Report Title:

Circuit Court; Second Circuit; Molokai

Description:

Establishes a position for a fifth judge in the second judicial circuit court. Requires circuit court sessions in Kaunakakai when one party is a Molokai resident. Appropriates funds for position of fifth judge and to secure location on Molokai for circuit court sessions.

