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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISTRICT COURT JUDGES.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 604-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
- 3 "[+](b)[+] There shall be appointed one or more district
- 4 judges for each judicial circuit. The district court of the
- 5 first circuit shall consist of fourteen judges, who shall be
- 6 styled as first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh,
- 7 eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, and
- 8 fourteenth judge, respectively. One of the district judges
- 9 shall hear landlord-tenant and small claims matters, provided
- 10 that when in the discretion of the chief justice of the supreme
- 11 court the urgency or volume of cases so requires, the chief
- 12 justice may authorize the judge to substitute for or act in
- 13 addition to or otherwise in place of any other district judge of
- 14 the district court of the first circuit. The district court of
- 15 the second circuit shall consist of [three] four judges, who
- 16 shall be styled as first, second, [and] third, and fourth judge,
- 17 respectively. The district court of the third circuit shall



- 1 consist of three judges, who shall be styled as first, second,
- 2 and third judge, respectively. The district court of the fifth
- 3 circuit shall consist of two judges who shall be styled as first
- 4 and second judge, respectively. The chief justice may designate
- 5 a judge in each circuit as the administrative judge for the
- 6 circuit."
- 7 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Judiciary Package; District Court; Second Judicial Circuit; Judges

Description:

Increases the number of district judges in the Second Circuit by

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