A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO JUDGES FOR THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT.

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] fifteen judges, who 6 shall be styled as first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, 7 seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, 8 [and] fourteenth, and fifteenth judge, respectively. One of the 9 district judges shall hear landlord-tenant and small claims 10 matters $[\tau]$; provided that when in the discretion of the chief 11 justice of the supreme court the urgency or volume of cases so 12 requires, the chief justice may authorize the judge to 13 substitute for or act in addition to or otherwise in place of 14 any other district judge of the district court of the first 15 circuit. The district court of the second circuit shall consist 16 of three judges $[\tau]$ who shall be styled as first, second, and 17 third judge, respectively. The district court of the third

- 1 circuit shall consist of three judges $[\tau]$ who shall be styled as
- 2 first, second, and third judge, respectively. The district
- 3 court of the fifth circuit shall consist of two judges who shall
- 4 be styled as first and second judge, respectively. The chief
- 5 justice may designate a judge in each circuit as the
- 6 administrative judge for the 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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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 on July 1, 3000.

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Report Title:

Judiciary Package; District Court Judges; First Circuit

Description:

Establishes one additional district court judgeship in the First Circuit. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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