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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, 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, who shall be styled as first, second, and third
- 17 judge, respectively. The district court of the third circuit



- 1 shall consist of three judges, who shall be styled as first,
- 2 second, and third judge, respectively. The district court of
- 3 the fifth circuit shall consist of two judges who shall be
- 4 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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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, 2023.

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Report Title:

Judiciary Package; District Court Judges; First Circuit

Description:

Establishes 1 additional district court judgeship in the First Circuit.

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