
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 judges, who shall be
16 styled as first, second, and third judge, respectively. The
17 district court of the third circuit shall consist of [~~three~~]



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1 four judges, who shall be styled as first, second, [~~and~~] third,
2 and fourth 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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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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Report Title:

Judiciary Package; District Court Judges; Third Circuit

Description:

Establishes 1 additional district court judgeship in the Third Circuit.

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