

ACT 177

H.B. NO. 1885-78

A Bill for an Act Relating to Circuit and District Judges.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 603-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

“Sec. 603-3 First circuit court judges. The circuit court of the first circuit shall consist of fifteen judges, who shall be styled as first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth judges, respectively.”

SECTION 2. Section 604-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

“Sec. 604-1 Judicial circuits; district judges; sessions. There shall be established in each of the judicial circuits of the State of Hawaii a district court with the powers and under the conditions herein set forth, which shall be styled as follows:

- (1) For the First Judicial Circuit: The District Court of the First Circuit.
- (2) For the Second Judicial Circuit: The District Court of the Second Circuit.
- (3) For the Third Judicial Circuit: The District Court of the Third Circuit.
- (4) For the Fifth Judicial Circuit: The District Court of the Fifth Circuit.

There shall be appointed one or more district judges for each judicial circuit. The district court of the first circuit shall consist of twelve judges, who shall be styled as first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth judge, respectively. One of the district judges shall hear landlord-tenant and small claims matters, provided that when in the discretion of the chief justice of the supreme court the urgency or volume of cases so requires, he may authorize the judge to substitute for or act in addition to or otherwise in place of any other district judge of the district court of the first circuit. The district court of the second circuit shall consist of two judges, who shall be styled as first and second judge, respectively. The district court of the third circuit shall consist of three judges, who shall be styled as first, second and third judge, respectively. The district court of the fifth circuit shall consist of one judge. The chief justice may designate a judge in each circuit as the administrative judge for the circuit.

The chief justice may appoint per diem district judges as may be necessary. Such judges shall receive per diem compensation for the days on which actual service is rendered based on the monthly rate of compensation paid to a district court judge. For the purpose of determining per diem compensation in this section, a month shall be deemed to consist of twenty-one days.

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The district courts shall hold sessions at such places in their respective circuits and as often as the respective district judges deem essential to the promotion of justice.

SECTION 3. Material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.*

SECTION 4. This Act shall become effective upon its approval.

(Approved June 2, 1978.)

*Edited accordingly.