

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Family Court.

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

SECTION 1. Section 571-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[~~§~~571-8] District family courts; district family judges; appointment; sessions. (a) In addition to the district courts established under section 604-1, there may be established in each of the judicial circuits of the State [of Hawaii] a district family 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 family court of the first circuit.
- (2) For the second judicial circuit: The district family court of the second circuit.
- (3) For the third judicial circuit: The district family court of the third circuit.
- (4) For the fifth judicial circuit: The district family court of the fifth circuit.

(b) When in the discretion of the chief justice of the supreme court the urgency or volume of cases so requires, he may appoint one or more district family [court] judges for each judicial circuit. In [substitution for the district family judges appointed under the authority of this chapter,] addition, within any circuit, the chief justice may designate any district judge of [a] the district court [appointed pursuant to chapter 604] to act as a district family [court] judge within [any] that circuit; such judge when so designated shall exercise the powers of a district family judge appointed pursuant to this section.

The chief justice may assign any district judge or district family judge of any circuit to serve temporarily in the district family court of any other circuit.

The district family courts shall hold sessions at such places and as often as the family court judge or the senior family court judge, if there is more than one, of the judicial circuit shall prescribe."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 7, 1983.)