



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HB2625

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

705 ILCS 35/2f

from Ch. 37, par. 72.2f

Amends the Circuit Courts Act. Provides that in 2021, the General Assembly shall redraw the boundaries of the subcircuits of the Circuit of Cook County to reflect the results of the 2020 federal decennial census. Provides that a resident judgeship assigned to a subcircuit shall continue to be assigned to that subcircuit. Provides that any vacancy in a resident judgeship existing on or occurring after the effective date of a law redrawing the boundaries of the subcircuits shall be filled by a resident of the redrawn subcircuit.

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1 AN ACT concerning courts.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Circuit Courts Act is amended by changing
5 Section 2f as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 35/2f) (from Ch. 37, par. 72.2f)

7 Sec. 2f. (a) The Circuit of Cook County shall be divided
8 into 15 units to be known as subcircuits. The subcircuits shall
9 be compact, contiguous, and substantially equal in population.
10 The General Assembly shall create the subcircuits by law on or
11 before July 1, 1991, using population data as determined by the
12 1990 Federal census.

13 (a-5) In 2021, the General Assembly shall redraw the
14 boundaries of the subcircuits to reflect the results of the
15 2020 federal decennial census. In accordance with subsection
16 (d), a resident judgeship assigned to a subcircuit shall
17 continue to be assigned to that subcircuit. Any vacancy in a
18 resident judgeship existing on or occurring after the effective
19 date of a law redrawing the boundaries of the subcircuits shall
20 be filled by a resident of the redrawn subcircuit.

21 (b) The 165 resident judges to be elected from the Circuit
22 of Cook County shall be determined under paragraph (4) of
23 subsection (a) of Section 2 of the Judicial Vacancies Act.

1 (c) The Supreme Court shall allot (i) the additional
2 resident judgeships provided by paragraph (4) of subsection (a)
3 of Section 2 of the Judicial Vacancies Act and (ii) all
4 vacancies in resident judgeships existing on or occurring on or
5 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1990, with
6 respect to the other resident judgeships of the Circuit of Cook
7 County, for election from the various subcircuits until there
8 are 11 resident judges to be elected from each of the 15
9 subcircuits (for a total of 165). A resident judgeship
10 authorized before the effective date of this amendatory Act of
11 1990 that became vacant and was filled by appointment by the
12 Supreme Court before that effective date shall be filled by
13 election at the general election in November of 1992 from the
14 unit of the Circuit of Cook County within Chicago or the unit
15 of that Circuit outside Chicago, as the case may be, in which
16 the vacancy occurred.

17 (d) As soon as practicable after the subcircuits are
18 created by law, the Supreme Court shall determine by lot a
19 numerical order for the 15 subcircuits. That numerical order
20 shall be the basis for the order in which resident judgeships
21 are assigned to the subcircuits. After the first round of
22 assignments, the second and all later rounds shall be based on
23 the same numerical order. Once a resident judgeship is assigned
24 to a subcircuit, it shall continue to be assigned to that
25 subcircuit for all purposes.

26 (e) A resident judge elected from a subcircuit shall

1 continue to reside in that subcircuit as long as he or she
2 holds that office. A resident judge elected from a subcircuit
3 after January 1, 2008, must retain residency as a registered
4 voter in the subcircuit to run for retention from the circuit
5 at large thereafter.

6 (Source: P.A. 95-610, eff. 9-11-07.)