

SB1496



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/9/2017, by Sen. Omar Aquino

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

705 ILCS 35/2f

from Ch. 37, par. 72.2f

Amends the Circuit Courts Act. Provides that in the year following each federal decennial census, the General Assembly shall redraw the boundaries of the subcircuits of the Circuit of Cook County to reflect the results of the census.

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A BILL FOR

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. In the year following each federal
13 decennial census, the General Assembly shall redraw the
14 boundaries of the subcircuits to reflect the results of the
15 census.

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

19 (c) The Supreme Court shall allot (i) the additional
20 resident judgeships provided by paragraph (4) of subsection (a)
21 of Section 2 of the Judicial Vacancies Act and (ii) all
22 vacancies in resident judgeships existing on or occurring on or
23 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1990, with

1 respect to the other resident judgeships of the Circuit of Cook
2 County, for election from the various subcircuits until there
3 are 11 resident judges to be elected from each of the 15
4 subcircuits (for a total of 165). A resident judgeship
5 authorized before the effective date of this amendatory Act of
6 1990 that became vacant and was filled by appointment by the
7 Supreme Court before that effective date shall be filled by
8 election at the general election in November of 1992 from the
9 unit of the Circuit of Cook County within Chicago or the unit
10 of that Circuit outside Chicago, as the case may be, in which
11 the vacancy occurred.

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

21 (e) A resident judge elected from a subcircuit shall
22 continue to reside in that subcircuit as long as he or she
23 holds that office. A resident judge elected from a subcircuit
24 after January 1, 2008, must retain residency as a registered
25 voter in the subcircuit to run for retention from the circuit
26 at large thereafter.

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