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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 185

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 185 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Associate Judges Act is amended by changing
5 Section 2 as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 45/2) (from Ch. 37, par. 160.2)

7 Sec. 2. (a) The maximum number of associate judges
8 authorized for each circuit is the greater of the applicable
9 minimum number specified in this Section or one for each 35,000
10 or fraction thereof in population as determined by the last
11 preceding Federal census, except for circuits with a population
12 of more than 3,000,000 where the maximum number of associate
13 judges is one for each 29,000 or fraction thereof in population
14 as determined by the last preceding federal census, reduced in
15 circuits of less than 200,000 inhabitants by the number of
16 resident circuit judges elected in the circuit in excess of one

1 per county. In addition, in circuits of 1,000,000 or more
2 inhabitants, there shall be one additional associate judge
3 authorized for each municipal district of the circuit court.
4 The number of associate judges to be appointed in each circuit,
5 not to exceed the maximum authorized, shall be determined from
6 time to time by the Circuit Court. The minimum number of
7 associate judges authorized for any circuit consisting of a
8 single county shall be 14, except that the minimum in the 22nd
9 circuit shall be 8 and except that the minimum in the 19th
10 circuit on and after December 4, 2006 shall be 20. The minimum
11 number of associate judges authorized for any circuit
12 consisting of 2 counties with a combined population of at least
13 275,000 but less than 300,000 shall be 10. The minimum number
14 of associate judges authorized for any circuit with a
15 population of at least 303,000 but not more than 309,000 shall
16 be 10. The minimum number of associate judges authorized for
17 any circuit with a population of at least 329,000, but not more
18 than 349,999 ~~335,000~~ shall be 11. The minimum number of
19 associate judges authorized for any circuit with a population
20 of at least 173,000 shall be 5. As used in this Section, the
21 term "resident circuit judge" has the meaning given it in the
22 Judicial Vacancies Act.

23 (b) The maximum number of associate judges authorized under
24 subsection (a) for a circuit with a population of more than
25 3,000,000 shall be reduced as provided in this subsection (b).
26 For each vacancy that exists on or occurs on or after the

1 effective date of this amendatory Act of 1990, that maximum
2 number shall be reduced by one until the total number of
3 associate judges authorized under subsection (a) is reduced by
4 60. A vacancy exists or occurs when an associate judge dies,
5 resigns, retires, is removed, or is not reappointed upon
6 expiration of his or her term; a vacancy does not exist or
7 occur at the expiration of a term if the associate judge is
8 reappointed.

9 (c) The maximum number of associate judges authorized under
10 subsection (a) for the 17th judicial circuit shall be reduced
11 as provided in this subsection (c). Due to the vacancy that
12 exists on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of
13 the 93rd General Assembly in the associate judgeship that is
14 converted into a resident judgeship under subsection (a-10) of
15 Section 2f-6 of the Circuit Courts Act, the maximum number of
16 judges authorized under subsection (a) of this Section shall be
17 reduced by one. A vacancy exists or occurs when an associate
18 judge dies, resigns, retires, is removed, or is not reappointed
19 upon expiration of his or her term; a vacancy does not exist or
20 occur at the expiration of a term if the associate judge is
21 reappointed.

22 (d) The maximum number of associate judges authorized under
23 subsection (a) for the 23rd judicial circuit shall be reduced
24 as provided in this subsection (d). Due to the vacancy that
25 exists on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of
26 the 98th General Assembly in the associate judgeship that is

1 converted into a resident judgeship under subsection (k) of
2 Section 2f-10 of the Circuit Courts Act, the maximum number of
3 judges authorized under subsection (a) of this Section shall be
4 reduced by one.

5 (Source: P.A. 98-744, eff. 7-16-14.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.".