

HB 962 -- Family Courts

Sponsor: Darrough

This bill changes the laws regarding family courts. The bill:

(1) Removes a provision which prevented a majority of circuit judges from appointing individuals to act as commissioners in counties having a family court;

(2) Removes family courts from the list of circuit courts so that circuit courts have exclusive original jurisdiction in proceedings involving a minor;

(3) Removes a provision which prevented a majority of circuit judges from designating a juvenile division or divisions and the classes of cases assigned to each in counties having a family court; and

(4) Removes the provisions of law under Chapter 787, RSMo, dealing with family courts.