

HOUSE _____ AMENDMENT NO. _____

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AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 111, Page 26, Section 475.555, Line 5
by inserting after said line the following:

“479.020. 1. Any city, town or village, including those operating under a constitutional
or special charter, may, and cities with a population of four hundred thousand or more shall,
provide by ordinance or charter for the selection, tenure and compensation of a municipal judge
or judges consistent with the provisions of this chapter who shall have original jurisdiction to hear
and determine all violations against the ordinances of the municipality.

The method of selection of municipal judges shall be provided by charter or ordinance. Each
municipal judge shall be selected for a term of not less than two years as provided by charter or
ordinance.

2. Except where prohibited by charter or ordinance, the municipal judge may be a
part-time judge and may serve as municipal judge in more than one municipality.

3. No person shall serve as a municipal judge of any municipality with a population of
seven thousand five hundred or more or of any municipality in a county of the first class with a
charter form of government unless the person is licensed to practice law in this state unless, prior
to January 2, 1979, such person has served as municipal judge of that same municipality for at
least two years.

4. Notwithstanding any other statute, a municipal judge need not be a resident of the
municipality or of the circuit in which the municipal judge serves except where ordinance or
charter provides otherwise. Municipal judges shall be residents of Missouri.

5. Judges selected under the provisions of this section shall be municipal judges of the
circuit court and shall be divisions of the circuit court of the circuit in which the municipality, or
major geographical portion thereof, is located. The judges of these municipal divisions shall be
subject to the rules of the circuit court which are not inconsistent with the rules of the supreme
court. The presiding judge of the circuit shall have general administrative authority over the
judges and court personnel of the municipal divisions within the circuit.

6. No municipal judge shall hold any other office in the municipality which the municipal
judge serves as judge. The compensation of any municipal judge and other court personnel shall
not be dependent in any way upon the number of cases tried, the number of guilty verdicts

1 reached or the amount of fines imposed or collected.

2 7. Municipal judges shall be at least twenty-one years of age. No person shall serve as
3 municipal judge after that person has reached that person's [seventy-fifth] seventy-eighth
4 birthday.

5 8. Within six months after selection for the position, each municipal judge who is not
6 licensed to practice law in this state shall satisfactorily complete the course of instruction for
7 municipal judges prescribed by the supreme court. The state courts administrator shall certify to
8 the supreme court the names of those judges who satisfactorily complete the prescribed course. If
9 a municipal judge fails to complete satisfactorily the prescribed course within six months after the
10 municipal judge's selection as municipal judge, the municipal judge's office shall be deemed
11 vacant and such person shall not thereafter be permitted to serve as a municipal judge, nor shall
12 any compensation thereafter be paid to such person for serving as municipal judge.”; and
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14 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
15 accordingly.
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