

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 621, Page 11, Section 478.240, Line 42,
2 by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "478.320. 1. In counties having a population of thirty thousand or less, there shall be one
5 associate circuit judge. In counties having a population of more than thirty thousand and less than
6 one hundred thousand, there shall be two associate circuit judges. In counties having a population of
7 one hundred thousand or more, there shall be three associate circuit judges and one additional
8 associate circuit judge for each additional one hundred thousand inhabitants.

9 2. [When the office of state courts administrator indicates in an annual judicial weighted
10 workload model for three consecutive years or more the need for four or more full-time judicial
11 positions in any judicial circuit having a population of one hundred thousand or more, there shall be
12 one additional associate circuit judge position in such circuit for every four full-time judicial
13 positions needed as indicated in the weighted workload model. In a multicounty circuit, the
14 additional associate circuit judge positions shall be apportioned among the counties in the circuit on
15 the basis of population, starting with the most populous county, then the next most populous county,
16 and so forth.

17 3.] For purposes of this section, notwithstanding the provisions of section 1.100, population of a
18 county shall be determined on the basis of the last previous decennial census of the United States;
19 and, beginning after certification of the year 2000 decennial census, on the basis of annual
20 population estimates prepared by the United States Bureau of the Census, provided that the number
21 of associate circuit judge positions in a county shall be adjusted only after population estimates for
22 three consecutive years indicate population change in the county to a level provided by subsection 1
23 of this section.

24 [4.] 3. Except in circuits where associate circuit judges are selected under the provisions of
25 Sections 25(a) to (g) of Article V of the constitution, the election of associate circuit judges shall in
26 all respects be conducted as other elections and the returns made as for other officers.

27 [5.] 4. In counties not subject to Sections 25(a) to (g) of Article V of the constitution,
28 associate circuit judges shall be elected by the county at large.

29 [6.] 5. No associate circuit judge shall practice law, or do a law business, nor shall he or she
30 accept, during his or her term of office, any public appointment for which he or she receives
31 compensation for his or her services.

32 [7.] 6. No person shall be elected as an associate circuit judge unless he or she has resided in
33 the county for which he or she is to be elected at least one year prior to the date of his or her election;
34 provided that, a person who is appointed by the governor to fill a vacancy may file for election and
35 be elected notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection.

36 478.437. 1. The circuit court of the county of St. Louis, comprising circuit number twenty-one,

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1 shall be composed of nineteen divisions and nineteen judges and each of the judges shall separately
2 try causes, exercise the powers and perform all the duties imposed upon circuit judges.

3 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 478.320 to the contrary, if the circuit court of
4 St. Louis County is awarded additional associate circuit judge positions in 2014 in accordance with
5 subsections 1 and 2 of section 478.320, there shall be one additional associate circuit judge position
6 and one additional circuit judge position in lieu of the additional associate circuit judge positions
7 awarded under subsections 1 and 2 of section 478.320.

8 478.464. [1.] In the sixteenth judicial circuit, [associate circuit divisions shall hereafter be
9 numbered beginning with the number 25:

- 10 (1) Division 101 shall hereafter be division 25;
- 11 (2) Division 102 shall hereafter be division 26;
- 12 (3) Division 103 shall hereafter be division 27;
- 13 (4) Division 104 shall hereafter be division 28;
- 14 (5) Division 105 shall hereafter be division 29;
- 15 (6) Division 106 shall hereafter be division 30;
- 16 (7) Division 107 shall hereafter be division 31; and
- 17 (8) Division 108 shall hereafter be division 32.

18 2. Twelve months after construction of two new courtrooms in Independence is completed,
19 there shall be one additional associate circuit judge in the sixteenth judicial circuit, to be known as
20 division 33. The presiding judge of such circuit shall certify to the state of administration office the
21 actual date of completion of said construction.

22 3.] there shall be ten associate circuit judges. These judges shall sit in ten divisions, which
23 shall be numbered beginning with the number 25. Divisions 25, 26, 27, 29, and 31 shall sit in
24 Kansas City and divisions 28, 30, 32, and 33 shall sit in Independence. Division 34 shall sit in the
25 location determined by the court en banc. The tenth associate circuit judgeship shall not be included
26 in the statutory formula for authorizing additional associate circuit judgeships per county under
27 section 478.320.

28 478.513. 1. There shall be five circuit judges in the thirty-first judicial circuit [consisting of
29 the county of Greene]. These judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two, three, four and five.

30 2. The circuit judge in division three shall be elected in 1980. The circuit judges in divisions
31 one, four and five shall be elected in 1982. The circuit judge in division two shall be elected in 1984.

32 3. Beginning in fiscal year 2015, there shall be one additional associate circuit judge in the
33 thirty-first judicial circuit, and there shall continue to be the associate judge position authorized in
34 fiscal year 2014. Neither associate circuit judgeship shall be included in the statutory formula for
35 authorizing additional associate circuit judgeships per county under section 478.320.

36 478.600. 1. There shall be four circuit judges in the eleventh judicial circuit [consisting of
37 the county of St. Charles]. These judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two, three and four.
38 Beginning on January 1, 2007, there shall be six circuit judges in the eleventh judicial circuit and
39 these judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two, three, four, five, and seven. The division five
40 associate circuit judge position and the division seven associate circuit judge position shall become
41 circuit judge positions beginning January 1, 2007, and shall be numbered as divisions five and seven.

42 2. The circuit judge in division two shall be elected in 1980. The circuit judge in division
43 four shall be elected in 1982. The circuit judge in division one shall be elected in 1984. The circuit
44 judge in division three shall be elected in 1992. The circuit judges in divisions five and seven shall
45 be elected for a six-year term in 2006.

46 3. Beginning January 1, 2007, the family court commissioner positions in the eleventh
47 judicial circuit appointed under section 487.020 shall become associate circuit judge positions in all
48 respects and shall be designated as divisions nine and ten respectively. These positions may retain

1 the duties and responsibilities with regard to the family court. The associate circuit judges in
2 divisions nine and ten shall be elected in 2006 for full four-year terms.

3 4. Beginning on January 1, 2007, the drug court commissioner position in the eleventh
4 judicial circuit appointed under section 478.003 shall become an associate circuit judge position in
5 all respects and shall be designated as division eleven. This position retains the duties and
6 responsibilities with regard to the drug court. Such associate circuit judge shall be elected in 2006
7 for a full four-year term. This associate circuit judgeship shall not be included in the statutory
8 formula for authorizing additional associate circuit judgeships per county under section 478.320.

9 5. Beginning in fiscal year 2015, there shall be one additional associate circuit judge position
10 in the eleventh judicial circuit. The associate circuit judge shall be elected in 2016, and such judicial
11 position shall not be considered vacant or filled until January 1, 2017. This associate circuit
12 judgeship shall not be included in the statutory formula for authorizing additional circuit judgeships
13 per county under section 478.320."; and

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15 Further amend said bill, Page 12, Section 478.610, Line 11, by inserting after all of said
16 section and line the following:

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18 "478.740. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 478.320 to the contrary, if the
19 thirty-eighth judicial circuit is awarded an additional associate circuit judge position in 2014 in
20 accordance with subsections 1 and 2 of section 478.320, there shall be one additional circuit judge
21 position in lieu of the additional associate circuit judge position awarded under subsections 1 and 2
22 of section 478.320. Such additional circuit judge position shall be in addition to the number of
23 circuit judge and associate judge positions in existence in the thirty-eight judicial circuit on the
24 effective date of this section."; and

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26 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
27 accordingly.
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