

HCS HB 2410 -- CIRCUIT JUDGES

SPONSOR: Bernskoetter

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 7 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

Currently, there may only be one associate circuit judge in Cole County. This bill specifies that, effective January 1, 2021, there shall be two associate circuit judges in Cole County, with the second associate circuit judge being first elected in 2020. The bill also repeals language that requires a new circuit judgeship to be added when a new jail or law enforcement center is constructed within the 6th Judicial Circuit.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this is really just a matter of judicial need in Cole County.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Bernskoetter and The Honorable Jon E. Beetem.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.