

HB 678 -- COURTHOUSES (Eggleston)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Local Government

This bill provides that in absence of a local agreement otherwise, in any courthouse that contains both county offices and court facilities, the presiding circuit of the circuit may establish rules and procedures for court facilities and areas necessary for court-related ingress and egress, and other reasonable court-related usage, but the county commission will have authority over all other areas of the courthouse.

The bill also authorizes the county commission in all noncharter counties to promulgate reasonable regulations concerning the use of county property. Currently, the county commissions in all first, second, and fourth counties are authorized to promulgate the regulations.

Beginning January 1, 2023, there will be seven circuit judges in the 11th Judicial Circuit, and these judges will sit in divisions numbered one, two, three, four, five, seven, and fifteen.

The circuit judge in division fifteen will be elected in 2022.

The duties and responsibilities for a specified Associate Circuit Judge position in the 11th Judicial Circuit are modified by stating that treatment court activities may be retained as duties and responsibilities.