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HOUSE BILL NO. 370

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 478.437 and 478.600, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to increasing personnel for certain judicial circuits.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 478.437 and 478.600, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 478.437 and 478.600, to read as follows:

478.437. 1. Beginning in fiscal year ~~[2015]~~ **2024**, there shall be ~~[twenty]~~ **twenty-one**
2 circuit judges in the twenty-first judicial circuit. These judges shall sit in ~~[twenty]~~ **twenty-**
3 **one** divisions, and each of the judges shall separately try causes, exercise the powers and
4 perform all the duties imposed upon circuit judges.

5 2. Beginning in fiscal year 2015, there shall be one additional associate circuit judge
6 position in the twenty-first judicial circuit. This associate circuit judgeship shall not be
7 included in the statutory formula for authorizing additional judgeships per county under
8 section 478.320.

478.600. 1. There shall be four circuit judges in the eleventh judicial circuit. These
2 judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two, three and four. Beginning on January 1,
3 2007, there shall be six circuit judges in the eleventh judicial circuit and these judges shall sit
4 in divisions numbered one, two, three, four, five, and seven. The division five associate
5 circuit judge position and the division seven associate circuit judge position shall become
6 circuit judge positions beginning January 1, 2007, and shall be numbered as divisions five and
7 seven.

8 2. The circuit judge in division two shall be elected in 1980. The circuit judge in
9 division four shall be elected in 1982. The circuit judge in division one shall be elected in

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~[thus]~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

10 1984. The circuit judge in division three shall be elected in 1992. The circuit judges in
11 divisions five and seven shall be elected for a six-year term in 2006.

12 3. Beginning January 1, 2007, the family court commissioner positions in the
13 eleventh judicial circuit appointed under section 487.020 shall become associate circuit judge
14 positions in all respects and shall be designated as divisions nine and ten respectively. These
15 positions may retain the duties and responsibilities with regard to the family court. The
16 associate circuit judges in divisions nine and ten shall be elected in 2006 for full four-year
17 terms.

18 4. Beginning on January 1, 2007, the treatment court commissioner position in the
19 eleventh judicial circuit appointed under section 478.003 shall become an associate circuit
20 judge position in all respects. Such associate circuit judge shall be elected in 2006 for a full
21 four-year term. This associate circuit judgeship shall not be included in the statutory formula
22 for authorizing additional associate circuit judgeships per county under section 478.320.

23 5. Beginning in fiscal year 2015, there shall be one additional associate circuit judge
24 position in the eleventh judicial circuit. The associate circuit judge shall be elected in 2016.
25 This associate circuit judgeship shall not be included in the statutory formula for authorizing
26 additional circuit judgeships per county under section 478.320. Beginning in fiscal year
27 2019, there shall be one additional associate circuit judge position in the eleventh judicial
28 circuit. The associate circuit judge shall be elected in 2020. This associate circuit judgeship
29 shall not be included in the statutory formula for authorizing additional circuit judgeships per
30 county under section 478.320.

31 **6. Beginning in fiscal year 2024, there shall be one additional associate circuit**
32 **judge position in the eleventh judicial circuit. The associate circuit judge shall be**
33 **elected in 2024. This associate circuit judgeship shall be included in the statutory**
34 **formula for authorizing additional associate circuit judgeships per county under section**
35 **478.320.**

36 **7. Beginning in fiscal year 2024, there shall be a commissioner of the probate**
37 **division under section 478.265. This commissioner of the probate division shall be**
38 **included in the statutory formula for authorizing additional probate commissioners per**
39 **county under section 478.265.**

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