

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1139

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE REUTER.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 478.550, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to associate circuit judges in the twenty-third judicial circuit.

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

Section A. Section 478.550, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 478.550, to read as follows:

478.550. 1. There shall be four circuit judges in the twenty-third judicial circuit consisting of the county of Jefferson. These judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two, three and four. Beginning on January 1, 2007, there shall be six circuit judges in the twenty-third judicial district and these judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two, three, four, five, and six. The division eleven associate circuit judge position and the division twelve associate circuit judge shall become circuit judge positions beginning January 1, 2007. The division eleven associate circuit judge shall be numbered as division five and the division twelve associate circuit judge shall be numbered as division six.

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

3. Beginning January 1, 2007, the family court commissioner position in the twenty-third judicial district appointed under section 487.020 shall become an associate circuit judge position in all respects and shall be designated as division eleven. This position may retain the duties and responsibilities with regard to the family court. The associate circuit judge in division eleven shall be elected in 2006 for a full four-year term. This associate circuit

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.

18 judgeship shall not be included in the statutory formula for authorizing additional associate  
19 circuit judgeships per county under section 478.320.

20 4. Beginning January 1, 2007, the treatment court commissioner position in the  
21 twenty-third judicial district appointed under section 478.003 shall become an associate  
22 circuit judge position in all respects and shall be designated as division twelve. This position  
23 may retain the duties and responsibilities with regard to the treatment court. The associate  
24 circuit judge in division twelve shall be elected in 2006 for a full four-year term. This  
25 associate circuit judgeship shall not be included in the statutory formula for authorizing  
26 additional associate circuit judgeships per county under section 478.320.

27 **5. There shall be one additional associate circuit judge position in the twenty-**  
28 **third judicial circuit. This associate circuit judgeship shall not be included in the**  
29 **statutory formula for authorizing additional associate circuit judgeships per county**  
30 **under section 478.320. The governor shall appoint such judge, and that judge shall**  
31 **serve until January 1, 2029. An associate circuit judge shall be elected in 2028.**

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