

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1426

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WEST.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

## AN ACT

To repeal section 478.600, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to circuit judges in the eleventh judicial circuit.

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

Section A. Section 478.600, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 478.600, to read as follows:

478.600. 1. There shall be four circuit judges in the eleventh judicial circuit. 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 eleventh judicial circuit and these judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two, three, four, five, and seven. The division five associate circuit judge position and the division seven associate circuit judge position shall become circuit judge positions beginning January 1, 2007, and shall be numbered as divisions five and seven. **Beginning August 28, 2025, there shall be seven circuit judges in the eleventh judicial circuit and these judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two, three, four, five, seven, and seventeen.**

2. The circuit judge in division two shall be elected in 1980. The circuit judge in division four shall be elected in 1982. The circuit judge in division one shall be elected in 1984. The circuit judge in division three shall be elected in 1992. The circuit judges in divisions five and seven shall be elected for a six-year term in 2006. **The governor shall appoint a circuit judge for division seventeen and that circuit judge shall serve until January 1, 2029. A circuit judge for division seventeen shall be elected in 2028.**

3. Beginning January 1, 2007, the family court commissioner positions in the eleventh judicial circuit appointed under section 487.020 shall become associate circuit judge

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 positions in all respects and shall be designated as divisions nine and ten respectively. These  
19 positions may retain the duties and responsibilities with regard to the family court. The  
20 associate circuit judges in divisions nine and ten shall be elected in 2006 for full four-year  
21 terms.

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

27 5. Beginning in fiscal year 2015, there shall be one additional associate circuit judge  
28 position in the eleventh judicial circuit. The associate circuit judge shall be elected in 2016.  
29 This associate circuit judgeship shall not be included in the statutory formula for authorizing  
30 additional circuit judgeships per county under section 478.320. Beginning in fiscal year  
31 2019, there shall be one additional associate circuit judge position in the eleventh judicial  
32 circuit. The associate circuit judge shall be elected in 2020. This associate circuit judgeship  
33 shall not be included in the statutory formula for authorizing additional circuit judgeships per  
34 county under section 478.320.

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