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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISTRICT COURT.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 604-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:  
3           "§604-3 Disqualification, absence, vacancy. Whenever it  
4 is advisable, by reason of a vacancy in the office of district  
5 judge of any circuit, or by reason of the disqualification of  
6 any district judge, or the district judge's inability to attend  
7 to the district judge's duties by reason of illness or temporary  
8 absence, or for any other reason, the chief justice of the  
9 supreme court may designate the district judge of any other  
10 circuit, [~~or~~] any district family judge of any circuit, or any  
11 circuit judge of any circuit, to hear and determine any and all  
12 matters then or thereafter pending in the district court to  
13 which the district judge [~~or~~], district family judge, or circuit  
14 judge is called for such purpose, and while so engaged, the  
15 district judge [~~or~~], district family judge, or circuit judge  
16 shall have and exercise all of the powers of a regularly  
17 appointed judge of the circuit to which the district judge [~~or~~],  
18 district family judge, or circuit judge is called."

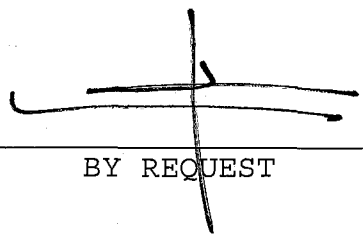


1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval  
4 and upon the ratification of a constitutional amendment that  
5 establishes the chief justice's authority to temporarily assign  
6 a circuit judge to the district court.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

  
BY REQUEST



**Report Title:**

Judiciary; Circuit Judge; Temporary Assignment

**Description:**

Authorizes the chief justice to temporarily assign a circuit judge to district court where a district judge is unavailable or for other reasons. Contingent upon ratification of related constitutional amendment.

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