
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISTRICT JUDGES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 604-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§604-1 Judicial circuits; district judges; sessions.

4 There shall be established in each of the judicial circuits of
5 the State a district court with the powers and under the
6 conditions herein set forth, which shall be styled as follows:

7 (1) For the First Judicial Circuit: The District Court of
8 the First Circuit.

9 (2) For the Second Judicial Circuit: The District Court
10 of the Second Circuit.

11 (3) For the Third Judicial Circuit: The District Court of
12 the Third Circuit.

13 (4) For the Fifth Judicial Circuit: The District Court of
14 the Fifth Circuit.

15 There shall be appointed one or more district judges for
16 each judicial circuit. The district court of the first circuit
17 shall consist of fourteen judges, who shall be styled as first,
18 second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth,



1 tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, and fourteenth judge,
2 respectively. One of the district judges shall hear landlord-
3 tenant and small claims matters[~~7~~]; provided that when in the
4 discretion of the chief justice of the supreme court the urgency
5 or volume of cases so requires, the chief justice may authorize
6 the judge to substitute for or act in addition to or otherwise
7 in place of any other district judge of the district court of
8 the first circuit. The district court of the second circuit
9 shall consist of [~~three~~] four judges, who shall be styled as
10 first, second, [~~and~~] third, and fourth judge, respectively. The
11 district court of the third circuit shall consist of three
12 judges, who shall be styled as first, second, and third judge,
13 respectively. The district court of the fifth circuit shall
14 consist of two judges who shall be styled as first and second
15 judge, respectively. The chief justice may designate a judge in
16 each circuit as the administrative judge for the circuit.

17 The district courts shall hold sessions at such places in
18 their respective circuits and as often as the respective
19 district judges deem essential to the promotion of justice."

20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$329,496 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for one
2 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) district court judge position and
3 three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) positions, including
4 related non-recurring costs, for the district court of the
5 second judicial circuit.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary for
7 the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

Judiciary Package; District Judge; Appropriation

Description:

Increases the number of district judges in the second judicial circuit by one. Appropriates funds for one full-time district court judge and three full-time staff positions for the district court of the second judicial circuit. (SD1)

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