
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISTRICT COURT 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 [+] (a) [+] There shall be established in each of the judicial
5 circuits of the State a district court with the powers and under
6 the conditions herein set forth, which shall be styled as
7 follows:

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

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

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

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

16 [+] (b) [+] There shall be appointed one or more district
17 judges for each judicial circuit. The district court of the



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

20 [+] (c) [+] The district courts shall hold sessions at such
21 places in their respective circuits and as often as the



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1 respective district judges deem essential to the promotion of
2 justice."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Judiciary Package; District Court Judges

Description:

Increases the number of district court judges in the Second Judicial Circuit by one.

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