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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO JUDGES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 571-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) [~~In addition to the district courts established under~~  
4 ~~section 604-1, there may be established]~~ The supreme court may  
5 establish in each of the judicial circuits of the State a  
6 district family court with the powers and under the conditions  
7 herein set forth which shall be styled as follows:

8 (1) For the first judicial circuit: The district family  
9 court of the first circuit.

10 (2) For the second judicial circuit: The district family  
11 court of the second circuit.

12 (3) For the third judicial circuit: The district family  
13 court of the third circuit.

14 (4) For the fifth judicial circuit: The district family  
15 court of the fifth circuit."

16 SECTION 2. Section 603-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17 amended to read as follows:



1           "**§603-3 First circuit court judges.** [~~Effective July 1,~~  
2 ~~1992, the~~] The circuit court of the first circuit shall consist  
3 of twenty-five judges, [~~who shall be styled as first, second,~~  
4 ~~third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth,~~  
5 ~~eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth,~~  
6 ~~seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty first,~~  
7 ~~twenty second, twenty third, twenty fourth, and twenty fifth~~  
8 judge, respectively.] each of whom shall be styled as a judge of  
9 the circuit court of the first circuit."

10           SECTION 3. Section 603-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12           "**§603-4 Other circuits; judges.** The circuit court of the  
13 fifth circuit shall consist of two judges, [~~who shall be styled~~  
14 ~~as first and second judge, and]~~ each of whom shall be styled as  
15 a judge of the circuit court of the fifth circuit. The circuit  
16 court of the second circuit shall consist of four judges, [~~who~~  
17 ~~shall be styled as first, second, third, and fourth judge, and]~~  
18 each of whom shall be styled as a judge of the circuit court of  
19 the second circuit. The circuit court of the third circuit  
20 shall consist of four judges, [~~who shall be styled as first,~~



1 ~~second, third, and fourth judge, and] each of whom shall be~~  
2 styled as a judge of the circuit court of the third circuit."

3 SECTION 4. Section 604-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

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



1 circuit shall consist of two judges [~~who shall be styled as~~  
2 ~~first and second judge, respectively~~]. The chief justice may  
3 designate a judge in each circuit as the administrative judge  
4 for the circuit."

5 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Courts; Judges; Circuit Court; District Court; Family Court

**Description:**

Increases the number of judges of the district court of the second circuit from three to four judges. Makes housekeeping amendments to laws relating to the composition of judges of the circuit courts, district courts, and family courts. (SD1)

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