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



1 of the third circuit shall consist of three judges, who shall be
2 styled as first, second, and third judge, respectively. The
3 district court of the fifth circuit shall consist of two judges
4 who shall be styled as first and second judge, respectively.
5 The chief justice may designate a judge in each circuit as the
6 administrative judge for the circuit."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 28, 2081.



Report Title:

Judiciary Package; District Court Judges; First Circuit; Second Circuit

Description:

Establishes one additional district court judgeship in the First Circuit and in the Second Circuit. (HB511 HD1)

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