

ACT 135

S.B. NO. 2932-76

A Bill for an Act Relating to the District Courts.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

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

“Sec. 604-1 Judicial circuits; district judges; sessions. There shall be established in each of the judicial circuits of the State of Hawaii a district court with the powers and under the conditions herein set forth, which shall be styled as follows:

- (1) For the First Judicial Circuit: The District Court of the First Circuit.
- (2) For the Second Judicial Circuit [;]: The District Court of the Second Circuit.
- (3) For the Third Judicial Circuit: The District Court of the Third Circuit.
- (4) For the Fifth Judicial Circuit: The District Court of the Fifth Circuit.

There shall be appointed one or more district judges for each judicial circuit. The district court of the first circuit shall consist of eleven judges, who shall be styled as first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh judge, respectively. In addition there shall be a twelfth judge who shall hear landlord-tenant and small claims matters, provided that when in the discretion of the chief justice of the supreme court the urgency or volume of cases so requires, he may authorize the twelfth judge to substitute for or act in addition to or otherwise in place of any other district judge of the district court of the first circuit. The district court of the second circuit shall consist of two judges, who shall be styled as first and second judge, respectively. The district court of the third circuit shall consist of two judges, who shall be styled as first and second judge, respectively. The district court of the fifth circuit shall consist of one judge. The chief justice may designate a judge in each circuit as the administrative judge for the circuit.

The chief justice may appoint per diem district judges as may be necessary. Such judges shall receive per diem compensation for the days on which actual service is rendered based on the monthly rate of compensation paid to a district court judge. For the purpose of determining per diem compensation in this section, a month shall be deemed to consist of twenty-one days.

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

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SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$88,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be expended by the judiciary, for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the underscoring.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 27, 1976.)