

SENATE BILL No. 525

September 6, 2017, Introduced by Senator JONES and referred to the Committee on
Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"
by amending sections 511, 530, 545, 821, 8121, 8121a, 8122, 8123,
8124, and 8162 (MCL 600.511, 600.530, 600.545, 600.821, 600.8121,
600.8121a, 600.8122, 600.8123, 600.8124, and 600.8162), section 530
as amended by 2013 PA 33, section 821 as amended by 2016 PA 31,
sections 8121, 8121a, and 8123 as amended by 2014 PA 58, section
8122 as amended by 2002 PA 681, and section 8124 as amended by 1984
PA 95.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 511. (1) ~~The~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), THE
2 tenth judicial circuit consists of the county of Saginaw and has 5
3 judges.

4 (2) BEGINNING ON THE EARLIER OF THE FOLLOWING DATES, THE TENTH

1 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HAS 4 JUDGES:

2 (A) THE DATE ON WHICH A VACANCY OCCURS IN THE OFFICE OF
3 CIRCUIT JUDGE IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, UNLESS THE VACANCY
4 OCCURS AFTER THE VACATING JUDGE HAS BEEN DEFEATED IN A PRIMARY OR
5 GENERAL ELECTION.

6 (B) THE BEGINNING DATE OF THE TERM FOR WHICH AN INCUMBENT
7 CIRCUIT JUDGE IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT NO LONGER SEEKS
8 ELECTION OR REELECTION TO THAT OFFICE.

9 Sec. 530. ~~(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), the~~ **THE**
10 twenty-ninth judicial circuit consists of the counties of Clinton
11 and Gratiot and has 2 judges.

12 ~~—— (2) Beginning on the earlier of the following dates, the~~
13 ~~twenty ninth judicial circuit has 1 judge.~~

14 ~~—— (a) The date on which a vacancy occurs in the office of~~
15 ~~ircuit judge in the twenty ninth judicial circuit.~~

16 ~~—— (b) The beginning date of the term for which an incumbent~~
17 ~~ircuit judge in the twenty ninth judicial circuit no longer seeks~~
18 ~~election or reelection to that office.~~

19 Sec. 545. The forty-fourth judicial circuit consists of the
20 county of Livingston and has 2 judges. **SUBJECT TO SECTION 550, THIS**
21 **JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MAY HAVE 1 ADDITIONAL JUDGE BEGINNING JANUARY 1,**
22 **2019. IF THIS JUDGESHIP IS ADDED TO THE FORTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL**
23 **CIRCUIT, THE INITIAL TERM OF OFFICE OF THE JUDGESHIP IS 8 YEARS.**

24 Sec. 821. (1) ~~The following~~ **EXCEPT FOR THE PROBATE JUDGE IN**
25 **KEWEENAW COUNTY WHO IS NOT A JUDGE OF THE FIRST PROBATE DISTRICT**
26 **DESCRIBED IN SECTION 807,** probate judges shall not engage in the
27 practice of law other than as a judge and ~~shall~~ **MUST** receive an

1 annual salary as calculated under this section. †

2 ~~—— (a) A probate judge of a county that is not described in~~
3 ~~section 807.~~

4 ~~—— (b) The probate judge in each probate court district described~~
5 ~~in section 807 in which a majority of the electors voting on the~~
6 ~~question in each county of the probate court district has approved~~
7 ~~or approves creation of the district.~~

8 ~~—— (c) A probate judge in a county having a population of 15,000~~
9 ~~or more according to the 1990 federal decennial census, if the~~
10 ~~county is not part of a probate court district created by law.~~

11 ~~—— (d) A probate judge who has the jurisdiction, powers, duties,~~
12 ~~and title of a district judge within his or her respective county~~
13 ~~under section 810a.~~

14 (2) Each probate judge shall receive an annual salary
15 calculated as follows:

16 (a) A minimum annual salary of the difference between 85% of
17 the salary of a justice of the supreme court as of December 31,
18 2015 and \$45,724.00.

19 (b) In addition to the amount calculated under subdivision
20 (a), a salary of \$45,724.00 paid by the county or counties
21 comprising a probate court district. If a probate judge receives a
22 total additional salary of \$45,724.00 from the county or counties
23 comprising a probate court district, and receives neither less than
24 nor more than \$45,724.00, including any cost-of-living allowance,
25 the state shall reimburse the county or counties the amount that
26 the county or counties have paid to the judge.

27 (c) In addition to the amounts under subdivisions (a) and (b),

1 an amount payable by the state that is equal to the amounts
2 calculated under subdivisions (a) and (b) multiplied by the
3 compounded aggregate percentage pay increases, excluding lump-sum
4 payments, paid to civil service nonexclusively represented
5 employees classified as executives and administrators on or after
6 January 1, 2016. The additional salary under this subdivision takes
7 effect on the same date as the effective date of the pay increase
8 paid to civil service nonexclusively represented employees
9 classified as executives and administrators. The additional salary
10 under this subdivision ~~shall~~**MUST** not be based on a pay increase
11 paid to civil service nonexclusively represented employees
12 classified as executives and administrators if the effective date
13 of the increase was before January 1, 2016.

14 (3) Six thousand dollars of the minimum annual salary provided
15 in subsection (2) ~~shall~~**MUST** be paid by the county or counties
16 comprising a probate court district, and the balance of that
17 minimum annual salary ~~shall~~**MUST** be paid by the state as a grant to
18 the county or the counties comprising the probate court district.
19 The county or counties comprising the probate court district, shall
20 in turn pay that amount to the probate judge. The state shall
21 annually reimburse the county or counties \$6,000.00 for each
22 probate judge to offset the cost to the county or counties under
23 this section.

24 (4) The salary calculated under this section is full
25 compensation for all services performed by a probate judge, except
26 as otherwise provided by law. In a probate court district, each
27 county of the district shall contribute to the salary in the same

1 proportion as the population of the county bears to the population
2 of the district.

3 (5) An additional salary determined by the county board of
4 commissioners may be increased during a term of office but ~~shall~~
5 **MUST** not be decreased, except to the extent of a general salary
6 reduction in all other branches of government in the county. In a
7 county where an additional salary is granted, it ~~shall~~**MUST** be paid
8 at the same rate to all probate judges regularly holding court in
9 the county.

10 Sec. 8121. (1) The sixteenth district consists of the city of
11 Livonia, is a district of the third class, and has 2 judges.

12 (2) The seventeenth district consists of the township of
13 Redford in the county of Wayne, is a district of the third class,
14 and has 2 judges.

15 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
16 eighteenth district consists of the city of Westland, is a district
17 of the third class, and has 2 judges. If the governing bodies of
18 the cities of Westland and Wayne approve by resolutions the
19 consolidation of the eighteenth and twenty-ninth districts prior to
20 January 1, ~~2016~~,**2020**, all of the following apply beginning January
21 1, ~~2016~~**2020**:

22 (a) The twenty-ninth district is abolished and the eighteenth
23 district consists of the cities of Westland and Wayne, is a
24 district of the third class, and has 3 judges. The additional
25 judgeship in the eighteenth district shall be filled by the
26 incumbent judge of the twenty-ninth district, who shall become a
27 judge of the eighteenth district for the balance of the term to

1 which he or she was elected or appointed. ~~For purposes of the~~
2 ~~November 2018 general election only, the term of the candidate for~~
3 ~~district judge in the eighteenth district who receives the greatest~~
4 ~~number of votes is 10 years and the term of the candidate for~~
5 ~~district judge in the eighteenth district who receives the second~~
6 ~~greatest number of votes is 6 years.~~

7 (b) The clerks of the cities of Westland and Wayne shall file
8 copies of the resolutions with the state court administrator, who,
9 as authorized by the supreme court, shall notify the elections
10 division of the department of state that the consolidation has been
11 approved under this section. A resolution that is filed before
12 January 2, ~~2015-2019~~ is a valid approval of the consolidation.

13 (c) By proposing or authorizing the consolidation of the
14 eighteenth and twenty-ninth districts, the legislature is not
15 creating a new obligation for any affected district control unit.
16 If a district control unit, acting through its governing body,
17 approves the consolidation, then the approval constitutes an
18 exercise of the district control unit's option to increase the
19 level of activity and service offered in that district control unit
20 beyond that required by existing law, as the elements of that
21 option are provided by 1979 PA 101, MCL 21.231 to 21.244, and a
22 voluntary acceptance by that district control unit of all expenses
23 and capital improvements that may result from the consolidation of
24 the districts. However, the exercise of the option does not affect
25 the state's obligation to pay the same portion of each judge's
26 salary that is paid by the state to other district judges as
27 provided by law, or to appropriate and disburse funds to the

1 district control unit for the necessary costs of state requirements
2 established by a state law that becomes effective on or after
3 December 23, 1978.

4 (4) The nineteenth district consists of the city of Dearborn,
5 is a district of the third class, and has 3 judges.

6 (5) The twentieth district consists of the city of Dearborn
7 Heights, is a district of the third class, and has 2 judges.

8 (6) The twenty-first district consists of the city of Garden
9 City, is a district of the third class, and has 1 judge.

10 (7) The twenty-second district consists of the city of
11 Inkster, is a district of the third class, and has 1 judge.

12 (8) The twenty-third district consists of the city of Taylor,
13 is a district of the third class, and has 2 judges.

14 (9) The twenty-fourth district consists of the cities of Allen
15 Park and Melvindale, is a district of the third class, and has 2
16 judges.

17 (10) The twenty-fifth district consists of the cities of
18 Ecorse, Lincoln Park, and River Rouge, is a district of the third
19 class, and has 2 judges.

20 ~~—— (11) If the governing bodies of the cities of Southgate,~~
21 ~~Wyandotte, and Riverview approve by resolutions the formation of~~
22 ~~the twenty sixth district by the consolidation of the twenty-~~
23 ~~seventh and twenty eighth districts prior to January 1, 2016, all~~
24 ~~of the following apply beginning January 1, 2016:~~

25 ~~—— (a) The twenty sixth district is created by the consolidation~~
26 ~~of the former twenty seventh and twenty eighth districts, consists~~
27 ~~of the cities of Southgate, Wyandotte, and Riverview, is a district~~

~~1 of the third class, and has 2 judges. The judgeships in the twenty-~~
~~2 sixth district shall be filled by the individuals who were judges~~
~~3 of the twenty seventh and twenty eighth districts on December 31,~~
~~4 2015, and who shall serve as judges of the twenty sixth district~~
~~5 for the balance of the terms to which they were elected or~~
~~6 appointed. The twenty seventh and twenty eighth districts shall~~
~~7 cease to exist as separate districts.~~

~~8 (b) The clerks of the cities of Southgate, Wyandotte, and~~
~~9 Riverview shall file copies of the resolutions with the state court~~
~~10 administrator, who, as authorized by the supreme court, shall~~
~~11 notify the elections division of the department of state that the~~
~~12 consolidation has been approved under this section. A resolution~~
~~13 that is filed before January 2, 2015 is a valid approval of the~~
~~14 consolidation.~~

~~15 (c) By proposing or authorizing the consolidation of the~~
~~16 twenty seventh and twenty eighth districts, the legislature is not~~
~~17 creating a new obligation for any affected district control unit.~~
~~18 If a district control unit, acting through its governing body,~~
~~19 approves the consolidation, then the approval constitutes an~~
~~20 exercise of the district control unit's option to increase the~~
~~21 level of activity and service offered in that district control unit~~
~~22 beyond that required by existing law, as the elements of that~~
~~23 option are provided by 1979 PA 101, MCL 21.231 to 21.244, and a~~
~~24 voluntary acceptance by that district control unit of all expenses~~
~~25 and capital improvements that may result from the consolidation of~~
~~26 the districts. However, the exercise of the option does not affect~~
~~27 the state's obligation to pay the same portion of each judge's~~

1 ~~salary that is paid by the state to other district judges as~~
2 ~~provided by law, or to appropriate and disburse funds to the~~
3 ~~district control unit for the necessary costs of state requirements~~
4 ~~established by a state law that becomes effective on or after~~
5 ~~December 23, 1978.~~

6 (11) ~~(12) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (11), the~~
7 **THE** twenty-seventh district consists of the cities of Wyandotte and
8 Riverview, is a district of the third class, and has 1 judge.

9 (12) ~~(13) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (11), the~~
10 **THE** twenty-eighth district consists of the city of Southgate, is a
11 district of the third class, and has 1 judge.

12 (13) ~~(14) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3), the~~
13 twenty-ninth district consists of the city of Wayne, is a district
14 of the third class, and has 1 judge.

15 (14) ~~(15) The thirtieth district consists of the city of~~
16 Highland Park, is a district of the third class, and has 1 judge.

17 (15) ~~(16) The thirty-first district consists of the city of~~
18 Hamtramck, is a district of the third class, and has 1 judge.

19 (16) ~~(17) The thirty-second-a district consists of the city of~~
20 Harper Woods, is a district of the third class, and has 1 judge.

21 (17) ~~(18) The thirty-second-b district consists of the cities~~
22 of Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe, and
23 Grosse Pointe Farms, and the village of Grosse Pointe Shores, is a
24 district of the third class, and has 1 judge.

25 (18) ~~(19) The thirty-third district consists of the cities of~~
26 Trenton, Gibraltar, Woodhaven, Rockwood, and Flat Rock and the
27 townships of Brownstown and Grosse Ile in the county of Wayne, is a

1 district of the third class, and has the following number of
2 judges:

3 (a) Until the date determined under subdivision (b), 3 judges.

4 (b) Beginning on the earlier of the following dates, 2 judges:

5 (i) The date on which a vacancy occurs in the office of
6 district judge in this district, unless the vacancy occurs after
7 the vacating judge has been defeated in a primary or general
8 election.

9 (ii) The beginning date of the term for which an incumbent
10 district judge in this district no longer seeks election or
11 reelection to that office.

12 (19) ~~(20)~~—The thirty-fourth district consists of the townships
13 of Sumpster, Van Buren, and Huron in the county of Wayne and the
14 cities of Romulus and Belleville, is a district of the third class,
15 and has 3 judges.

16 (20) ~~(21)~~—The thirty-fifth district consists of the cities of
17 Northville and Plymouth and the townships of Northville, Plymouth,
18 and Canton in the county of Wayne, is a district of the third
19 class, and has 3 judges.

20 Sec. 8121a. (1) The thirty-sixth district consists of the city
21 of Detroit, is a district of the third class, and, ~~has the~~
22 ~~following number of judges:~~**EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (2)**
23 **AND (3), HAS 30 JUDGES.**

24 ~~—(a) Until 12 noon, January 1, 2015, 31 judges.~~

25 ~~—(b) Beginning 12 noon, January 1, 2015, 30 judges. The 1~~
26 ~~judgeship eliminated from this district at 12 noon, January 1, 2015~~
27 ~~shall be the judgeship of a judge who is not eligible to run for~~

1 ~~reelection in 2014 due to constitutional limitation on the~~
2 ~~effective date of the amendatory act that added this subdivision.~~

3 (2) BEGINNING ON THE EARLIER OF THE FOLLOWING DATES, THE
4 THIRTY-SIXTH DISTRICT HAS 29 JUDGES:

5 (A) THE DATE ON WHICH A VACANCY OCCURS IN THE OFFICE OF
6 DISTRICT JUDGE IN THE THIRTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, UNLESS THAT
7 VACANCY OCCURS AFTER THE VACATING JUDGE HAS BEEN DEFEATED IN A
8 PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION.

9 (B) THE BEGINNING DATE OF THE TERM FOR WHICH AN INCUMBENT
10 DISTRICT JUDGE IN THE THIRTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO LONGER
11 SEEKS ELECTION OR REELECTION TO THAT OFFICE.

12 (3) FOLLOWING OR SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE ELIMINATION OF THE
13 JUDGESHIP UNDER SUBSECTION (2), BEGINNING ON THE EARLIER OF THE
14 FOLLOWING DATES, THE THIRTY-SIXTH DISTRICT HAS 28 JUDGES:

15 (A) THE DATE ON WHICH A VACANCY OCCURS IN THE OFFICE OF
16 DISTRICT JUDGE IN THE THIRTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, UNLESS THAT
17 VACANCY OCCURS AFTER THE VACATING JUDGE HAS BEEN DEFEATED IN A
18 PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION.

19 (B) THE BEGINNING DATE OF THE TERM FOR WHICH AN INCUMBENT
20 DISTRICT JUDGE IN THE THIRTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO LONGER
21 SEEKS ELECTION OR REELECTION TO THAT OFFICE.

22 Sec. 8122. (1) The thirty-seventh district consists of the
23 cities of Warren and Center Line, is a district of the third class,
24 and has 4 judges.

25 (2) ~~The~~ EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3), THE
26 thirty-eighth district consists of the city of Eastpointe, is a
27 district of the third class, and has 1 judge.

1 (3) ~~The~~ EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE
2 thirty-ninth district consists of the cities of Roseville and
3 Fraser, is a district of the third class, and has 3 judges. IF THE
4 GOVERNING BODIES OF THE CITIES OF ROSEVILLE, FRASER, AND EASTPOINTE
5 APPROVE BY RESOLUTIONS THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH AND
6 THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICTS PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2020, ALL OF THE
7 FOLLOWING APPLY:

8 (A) THE THIRTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT IS ABOLISHED AND THE THIRTY-
9 NINTH DISTRICT CONSISTS OF THE CITIES OF ROSEVILLE, FRASER, AND
10 EASTPOINTE, IS A DISTRICT OF THE THIRD CLASS, AND HAS 4 JUDGES. THE
11 ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIP IN THE THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICT SHALL BE FILLED
12 BY THE INCUMBENT JUDGE OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT, WHO SHALL
13 BECOME A JUDGE OF THE THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICT FOR THE BALANCE OF THE
14 TERM TO WHICH HE OR SHE WAS ELECTED OR APPOINTED.

15 (B) THE CLERKS OF THE CITIES OF ROSEVILLE, FRASER, AND
16 EASTPOINTE SHALL FILE COPIES OF THE RESOLUTIONS WITH THE STATE
17 COURT ADMINISTRATOR, WHO, AS AUTHORIZED BY THE SUPREME COURT, SHALL
18 NOTIFY THE ELECTIONS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THAT THE
19 CONSOLIDATION HAS BEEN APPROVED UNDER THIS SECTION. A RESOLUTION
20 THAT IS FILED BEFORE JANUARY 2, 2019 IS A VALID APPROVAL OF THE
21 CONSOLIDATION.

22 (C) BY PROPOSING OR AUTHORIZING THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE
23 THIRTY-EIGHTH AND THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICTS, THE LEGISLATURE IS NOT
24 CREATING A NEW OBLIGATION FOR ANY AFFECTED DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT.
25 IF A DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT, ACTING THROUGH ITS GOVERNING BODY,
26 APPROVES THE CONSOLIDATION, THEN THE APPROVAL CONSTITUTES AN
27 EXERCISE OF THE DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT'S OPTION TO INCREASE THE

1 LEVEL OF ACTIVITY AND SERVICE OFFERED IN THAT DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT
2 BEYOND THAT REQUIRED BY EXISTING LAW, AS THE ELEMENTS OF THAT
3 OPTION ARE PROVIDED BY 1979 PA 101, MCL 21.231 TO 21.244, AND A
4 VOLUNTARY ACCEPTANCE BY THAT DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT OF ALL EXPENSES
5 AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS THAT MAY RESULT FROM THE CONSOLIDATION OF
6 THE DISTRICTS. HOWEVER, THE EXERCISE OF THE OPTION DOES NOT AFFECT
7 THE STATE'S OBLIGATION TO PAY THE SAME PORTION OF EACH JUDGE'S
8 SALARY THAT IS PAID BY THE STATE TO OTHER DISTRICT JUDGES AS
9 PROVIDED BY LAW, OR TO APPROPRIATE AND DISBURSE FUNDS TO THE
10 DISTRICT CONTROL UNIT FOR THE NECESSARY COSTS OF STATE REQUIREMENTS
11 ESTABLISHED BY A STATE LAW THAT BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON OR AFTER
12 DECEMBER 23, 1978.

13 (4) The fortieth district consists of the city of Saint Clair
14 Shores, is a district of the third class, and has 2 judges.

15 (5) The forty-first-a district consists of the cities of Utica
16 and Sterling Heights and the townships of Shelby and Macomb in the
17 county of Macomb, is a district of the third class, and has 4
18 judges.

19 (6) The forty-first-b district consists of the city of Mt.
20 Clemens and the townships of Clinton and Harrison in the county of
21 Macomb, is a district of the third class, and has 3 judges.

22 (7) The forty-second district consists of the cities of
23 Memphis, Richmond, and New Baltimore and the townships of Bruce,
24 Washington, Armada, Ray, Richmond, Lenox, and Chesterfield in the
25 county of Macomb, is a district of the second class, and is divided
26 into the following election divisions:

27 (a) The first division consists of the cities of Memphis and

1 Richmond and the townships of Bruce, Washington, Armada, Ray, and
2 Richmond and has 1 judge.

3 (b) The second division consists of the city of New Baltimore
4 and the townships of Lenox and Chesterfield and has 1 judge.

5 Sec. 8123. (1) The forty-third district consists of the cities
6 of Madison Heights, Ferndale, and Hazel Park, is a district of the
7 third class, and has 3 judges.

8 (2) ~~Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the~~
9 ~~forty fourth district consists of the city of Royal Oak, is a~~
10 ~~district of the third class, and has 2 judges. Beginning January 2,~~
11 ~~2015, the~~ **THE** forty-fourth district consists of the cities of Royal
12 Oak and Berkley and has ~~the following number of judges:~~ **2 JUDGES.**

13 ~~—— (a) Until the dates determined under subdivisions (b) and (c),~~
14 ~~3 judges.~~

15 ~~—— (b) Beginning January 3, 2015, the forty fourth district has 2~~
16 ~~judges beginning on the earlier of the following dates:~~

17 ~~—— (i) The date on which a vacancy occurs in the office of~~
18 ~~district judge in the forty fourth district, unless the vacancy~~
19 ~~occurs after the vacating judge has been defeated in a primary or~~
20 ~~general election.~~

21 ~~—— (ii) The beginning date of the term for which an incumbent~~
22 ~~district judge in the forty fourth district no longer seeks~~
23 ~~election or reelection to that office.~~

24 ~~—— (c) Following the reduction in the number of judgeships from 3~~
25 ~~to 2 under subdivision (b), the forty fourth district has 1 judge~~
26 ~~beginning on the earlier of the following dates:~~

27 ~~—— (i) The date on which a vacancy occurs in the office of~~

1 ~~district judge in the forty fourth district, unless the vacancy~~
2 ~~occurs after the vacating judge has been defeated in a primary or~~
3 ~~general election.~~

4 ~~—— (ii) The beginning date of the term for which an incumbent~~
5 ~~district judge in the forty fourth district no longer seeks~~
6 ~~election or reelection to that office.~~

7 ~~—— (3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the~~
8 ~~forty fifth a district is created, consists of the city of Berkley,~~
9 ~~is a district of the third class, and has 1 judge. The person~~
10 ~~-serving as judge of the forty fifth a district on June 30, 2012, or~~
11 ~~his or her successor, shall serve as judge of the forty fifth a~~
12 ~~district until that district is abolished under this subsection.~~
13 ~~For purposes of the November 2014 general election only, the term~~
14 ~~of the person elected district judge in the forty fifth a district~~
15 ~~is 8 years. Beginning January 2, 2015, the forty fifth a district~~
16 ~~is abolished and the judge of the forty fifth a district shall~~
17 ~~become a judge of the forty fourth district for the balance of the~~
18 ~~term to which he or she was elected or appointed. Sections 8175 and~~
19 ~~8176 do not apply to the reorganization of the forty fourth, forty~~
20 ~~fifth, forty fifth a, and forty fifth b districts. Any physical~~
21 ~~reorganization required to accomplish the reorganization of~~
22 ~~district boundaries under this subsection and subsection (2) shall~~
23 ~~be completed no later than January 1, 2021.~~

24 ~~(3) (4) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the~~
25 ~~forty fifth b district consists of the cities of Huntington Woods,~~
26 ~~Oak Park, and Pleasant Ridge and the township of Royal Oak in the~~
27 ~~county of Oakland, is a district of the third class, and has 2~~

1 ~~judges. Beginning July 1, 2012, the forty fifth district is~~
2 ~~created.~~The forty-fifth district consists of the cities of
3 Huntington Woods, Oak Park, and Pleasant Ridge and the township of
4 Royal Oak in the county of Oakland, is a district of the third
5 class, and has 2 judges. ~~Beginning July 1, 2012, the forty fifth b~~
6 ~~district is abolished and the judges of the forty fifth b district~~
7 ~~shall become judges of the forty fifth district for the balance of~~
8 ~~the term to which they were elected or appointed. For purposes of~~
9 ~~the November 2014 general election only, the term of the candidate~~
10 ~~for district judge in the forty fifth judicial district who~~
11 ~~receives the greatest number of votes is 8 years and the term of~~
12 ~~the candidate for district judge in the forty fifth judicial~~
13 ~~district who receives the second greatest number of votes is 6~~
14 ~~years.~~

15 (4) ~~(5)~~The forty-sixth district consists of the cities of
16 Southfield and Lathrup Village and the township of Southfield in
17 the county of Oakland, is a district of the third class, and has 3
18 judges.

19 (5) ~~(6)~~The forty-seventh district consists of the cities of
20 Farmington and Farmington Hills, is a district of the third class,
21 and has 2 judges.

22 (6) ~~(7)~~The forty-eighth district consists of the cities of
23 Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Sylvan Lake, Keego Harbor, and
24 Orchard Lake Village and the townships of Bloomfield and West
25 Bloomfield in the county of Oakland, is a district of the third
26 class, and has the following number of judges:

27 (a) Until the date determined under subdivision (b), the

1 forty-eighth district has 3 judges.

2 (b) The forty-eighth district has 2 judges beginning on the
3 earlier of the following dates:

4 (i) The date on which a vacancy occurs in the office of
5 district judge in this district, unless the vacancy occurs after
6 the vacating judge has been defeated in a primary or general
7 election.

8 (ii) The beginning date of the term for which an incumbent
9 district judge in this district no longer seeks election or
10 reelection to that office.

11 (7) ~~(8)~~—The fiftieth district consists of the city of Pontiac,
12 is a district of the third class, and has the following number of
13 judges:

14 (a) Until the date determined under subdivision (b), 4 judges.

15 (b) The fiftieth district has 3 judges beginning on the
16 earlier of the following dates:

17 (i) The date on which a vacancy occurs in the office of
18 district judge in this district, unless the vacancy occurs after
19 the vacating judge has been defeated in a primary or general
20 election.

21 (ii) The beginning date of the term for which an incumbent
22 district judge in this district no longer seeks election or
23 reelection to that office.

24 (8) ~~(9)~~—The fifty-first district consists of the township of
25 Waterford in the county of Oakland, is a district of the third
26 class, and has 2 judges.

27 (9) ~~(10)~~—The fifty-second district consists of the county of

1 Oakland except the cities of Madison Heights, Ferndale, Hazel Park,
 2 Royal Oak, Berkley, Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge,
 3 Southfield, Lathrup Village, Farmington, Farmington Hills,
 4 Northville, Sylvan Lake, Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake Village,
 5 Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, and Pontiac and the townships of
 6 Royal Oak, Southfield, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield, and Waterford,
 7 is a district of the second class, and is divided into the
 8 following election divisions:

9 (a) The first division consists of the cities of Novi, South
 10 Lyon, Wixom, and Walled Lake and the townships of Milford,
 11 Highland, Commerce, Lyon, and Novi and has 3 judges.

12 (b) The second division consists of the city of the village of
 13 Clarkston and the townships of Springfield, Independence, Holly,
 14 Groveland, Brandon, Rose, and White Lake and has 2 judges.

15 (c) The third division consists of the cities of Rochester,
 16 Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills, and Lake Angelus and the townships
 17 of Oxford, Addison, Orion, and Oakland and has 3 judges.

18 (d) The fourth division consists of the cities of Troy and
 19 Clawson and has 2 judges.

20 Sec. 8124. The fifty-third district consists of the county of
 21 Livingston, is a district of the first class, and has ~~2~~**THE**
 22 **FOLLOWING NUMBER OF** judges: ~~Subject to section 8175, this~~
 23 ~~district may have 1 additional judge effective January 1, 1987.~~

24 **(A) UNTIL 12 NOON, JANUARY 1, 2019, 3 JUDGES.**

25 **(B) BEGINNING 12 NOON, JANUARY 1, 2019, 2 JUDGES. THE 1**
 26 **JUDGESHIP ELIMINATED FROM THIS DISTRICT AT 12 NOON, JANUARY 1, 2019**
 27 **SHALL BE THE JUDGESHIP OF A JUDGE WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO RUN FOR**

1 REELECTION IN 2018 DUE TO CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION ON THE
2 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBDIVISION.

3 Sec. 8162. (1) ~~The~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), THE
4 ninety-seventh district consists of the counties of Houghton,
5 Keweenaw and Baraga, is a district of the first class and has 1
6 judge.

7 (2) IF A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS IN THE COUNTIES OF HOUGHTON
8 AND KEWEENAW DO NOT APPROVE THE FORMATION OF THE FIRST PROBATE
9 DISTRICT COURT UNDER SECTIONS 807 TO 810 ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF
10 THE NOVEMBER 2018 GENERAL ELECTION, THEREAFTER THE FOLLOWING
11 PROVISIONS APPLY BEGINNING ON THE DATE ON WHICH A VACANCY OCCURS IN
12 THE OFFICE OF DISTRICT JUDGE IN THE NINETY-SEVENTH DISTRICT UNLESS
13 THAT VACANCY OCCURS AFTER THE VACATING JUDGE HAS BEEN DEFEATED IN A
14 PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION, OR THE BEGINNING DATE OF THE TERM FOR
15 WHICH AN INCUMBENT DISTRICT JUDGE IN THE NINETY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL
16 DISTRICT NO LONGER SEEKS ELECTION OR REELECTION TO THAT OFFICE,
17 WHICHEVER IS EARLIER:

18 (A) THE NINETY-SEVENTH DISTRICT CONSISTS OF THE COUNTIES OF
19 HOUGHTON, KEWEENAW, AND BARAGA AND IS A DISTRICT OF THE FIRST
20 CLASS.

21 (B) UNDER SECTION 810A, THE PROBATE JUDGE OF THE COUNTY OF
22 BARAGA SHALL SERVE AS JUDGE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH DISTRICT WITHIN
23 THE COUNTY OF BARAGA.

24 (C) UNDER SECTION 810A, THE PROBATE JUDGE FOR THE COUNTY OF
25 HOUGHTON SHALL SERVE AS JUDGE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH DISTRICT WITHIN
26 THE COUNTY OF HOUGHTON.

27 (D) UNDER SECTION 810A, THE PROBATE JUDGE FOR THE COUNTY OF

1 KEWEENAW SHALL SERVE AS JUDGE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH DISTRICT WITHIN
2 THE COUNTY OF KEWEENAW.

3 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
4 after the date it is enacted into law.