

1 AN ACT concerning judges.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 3. The Circuit Courts Act is amended by adding
5 Section 2k as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 35/2k new)

7 Sec. 2k. Additional judges.

8 (a) In addition to the number of circuit judges otherwise
9 authorized by this Act, there shall be 2 additional circuit
10 judges elected in the nineteenth judicial circuit who are
11 residents of and elected from Lake County.

12 (b) In addition to the number of circuit judges otherwise
13 authorized by this Act, there shall be 2 additional circuit
14 judges elected in the nineteenth judicial circuit who are
15 residents of and elected from McHenry County.

16 (c) The additional judgeships provided by this Section
17 shall be filled by appointment until those judgeships are
18 filled by election at the general election in November of
19 2002.

20 Section 5. The Associate Judges Act is amended by
21 changing Section 2 as follows:

22 (705 ILCS 45/2) (from Ch. 37, par. 160.2)

23 Sec. 2. (a) The maximum number of associate judges
24 authorized for each circuit is one for each 35,000 or
25 fraction thereof in population as determined by the last
26 preceding Federal census, except for circuits with a
27 population of more than 3,000,000 where the maximum number of
28 associate judges is one for each 29,000 or fraction thereof
29 in population as determined by the last preceding federal
30 census, reduced in circuits of less than 200,000 inhabitants

1 by the number of resident circuit judges elected in the
2 circuit in excess of one per county. In addition, in
3 circuits of 1,000,000 or more inhabitants, there shall be one
4 additional associate judge authorized for each municipal
5 district of the circuit court. The number of associate judges
6 to be appointed in each circuit, not to exceed the maximum
7 authorized, shall be determined from time to time by the
8 Circuit Court. The minimum number of associate judges
9 authorized for any circuit consisting of a single county
10 shall be 14. The minimum number of associate judges
11 authorized for any circuit consisting of 2 counties with a
12 combined population of at least 275,000 but less than 300,000
13 shall be 10. The minimum number of associate judges
14 authorized for any circuit with a population of at least
15 303,000 but not more than 309,000 shall be 10. The minimum
16 number of associate judges authorized for any circuit with a
17 population of at least 329,000, but not more than 335,000
18 shall be 11. The minimum number of associate judges
19 authorized for any circuit with a population of at least
20 173,000 but not more than 177,000 shall be 5.
21 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the
22 minimum number of associate judges authorized for the Fifth
23 Judicial Circuit shall be 5. As used in this Section, the
24 term "resident circuit judge" has the meaning given it in the
25 Judicial Vacancies Act.

26 (b) The maximum number of associate judges authorized
27 under subsection (a) for a circuit with a population of more
28 than 3,000,000 shall be reduced as provided in this
29 subsection (b). For each vacancy that exists on or occurs on
30 or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1990,
31 that maximum number shall be reduced by one until the total
32 number of associate judges authorized under subsection (a) is
33 reduced by 60. A vacancy exists or occurs when an associate
34 judge dies, resigns, retires, is removed, or is not

1 reappointed upon expiration of his or her term; a vacancy
2 does not exist or occur at the expiration of a term if the
3 associate judge is reappointed.

4 (Source: P.A. 86-786; 86-1478; 87-145; 87-435; 87-1073;
5 87-1230; 87-1261.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.