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June 24, 1993, Introduced by Senators KELLY, VAUGHN,  
SMITH, HOLMES and O'BRIEN and referred to the  
Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend sections 301 and 302 of Act No. 236 of the  
Public Acts of 1961, entitled as amended  
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"  
as amended by Act No. 279 of the Public Acts of 1986, being sec-  
tions 600.301 and 600.302 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and to  
add section 303d.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Sections 301 and 302 of Act No. 236 of the  
2 Public Acts of 1961, as amended by Act No. 279 of the Public Acts  
3 of 1986, being sections 600.301 and 600.302 of the Michigan  
4 Compiled Laws, are amended and section 303d is added to read as  
5 follows:

6 Sec. 301. The court of appeals ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of  
7 24 judges, ~~and~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 303D. THE COURT  
8 OF APPEALS is a court of record.

1       Sec. 302. ~~For the election of judges, the~~ THE state  
 2 ~~shall be~~ IS divided into ~~3~~ 4 judicial districts. ~~Districts~~  
 3 ~~1, 2, and 3 shall be~~ EACH DISTRICT IS entitled to elect ~~8~~ 6  
 4 judges. ~~for their respective districts.~~ The districts ~~shall~~  
 5 ~~be~~ ARE constituted and numbered as follows:

6       District 1 ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of the counties of  
 7 Wayne, Monroe, AND Lenawee. ~~, Jackson, Washtenaw, and~~  
 8 ~~Livingston.~~

9       TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 2 OF TITLE I OF  
 10 THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965, AS AMENDED, PUBLIC LAW 89-110, 42  
 11 U.S.C. 1973, DISTRICT 1 IS DIVIDED FOR THE ELECTION OF 3 JUDGES  
 12 EACH INTO 2 DIVISIONS AS FOLLOWS:

13       DIVISION A CONSISTS OF THE CITIES OF DETROIT, ECORSE,  
 14 HAMTRAMCK, LINCOLN PARK, HIGHLAND PARK, MELVINDALE, AND RIVER  
 15 ROUGE; AND THE TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD IN WAYNE COUNTY.

16       DIVISION B CONSISTS OF THE CITIES OF ALLEN PARK, BELLEVILLE,  
 17 DEARBORN, DEARBORN HEIGHTS, FLAT ROCK, GARDEN CITY, GIBRALTAR,  
 18 GROSSE POINTE, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, GROSSE POINTE PARK, GROSSE  
 19 POINTE WOODS, INKSTER, HARPER WOODS, LIVONIA, PLYMOUTH,  
 20 RIVERVIEW, ROCKWOOD, ROMULUS, SOUTHGATE, TAYLOR, TRENTON, WAYNE,  
 21 WESTLAND, WOOD HAVEN, AND WYANDOTTE; THE PORTION OF THE CITY OF  
 22 NORTHVILLE IN THE COUNTY OF WAYNE; THE TOWNSHIPS OF BROWNSTOWN,  
 23 CANTON, GROSSE ILE, HURON, NORTHVILLE, PLYMOUTH, SUMPTER, AND VAN  
 24 BUREN IN THE COUNTY OF WAYNE; AND THE COUNTIES OF MONROE AND  
 25 LENAWE.

26       District 2 ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of the counties of  
 27 ~~Ogemaw, Arenac, Gladwin, Midland, Bay, Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac,~~

1 Genesee, Lapeer, ~~St. Clair~~, Shiawassee, Oakland, ~~Macomb~~, and  
 2 ~~Ingham~~ IONIA, CLINTON, LIVINGSTON, JACKSON, AND WASHTENAW.

3 District 3 ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of the counties of  
 4 Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph, Branch, Hillsdale, Calhoun, Kalamazoo,  
 5 Van Buren, Allegan, Barry, Eaton, ~~Ionia~~, INGHAM, Kent, Ottawa,  
 6 Muskegon, Montcalm, ~~Clinton, Gratiot, Saginaw, Isabella,~~  
 7 Mecosta, Newaygo, Oceana, ~~Mason, Lake,~~ AND Osceola. ~~,~~

8 DISTRICT 4 CONSISTS OF THE COUNTIES OF MACOMB, ST. CLAIR,  
 9 SANILAC, HURON, TUSCOLA, SAGINAW, GRATIOT, ISABELLA, MIDLAND,  
 10 BAY, ARENAC, GLADWIN, MASON, LAKE, OGEMAW, Clare, Iosco,  
 11 Roscommon, Missaukee, Wexford, Manistee, Benzie, Grand Traverse,  
 12 Leelanau, Kalkaska, Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, Alpena,  
 13 Montmorency, Otsego, Antrim, Emmet, Charlevoix, Cheboygan,  
 14 Presque Isle, Mackinac, Chippewa, Luce, Schoolcraft, Alger,  
 15 Delta, Menominee, Dickinson, Marquette, Iron, Baraga, Houghton,  
 16 Keweenaw, Gogebic, and Ontonagon.

17 SEC. 303D. TO EFFECTUATE THE TRANSITION FROM 3 DISTRICTS TO  
 18 4 DISTRICTS, THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL PROVISIONS APPLY:

19 (A) THE JUDGESHIP IN DISTRICT 1 FILLED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE  
 20 OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION BY AN INCUMBENT  
 21 WHOSE TERM EXPIRES JANUARY 1, 1995 AND WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO  
 22 SEEK REELECTION SHALL TERMINATE JANUARY 1, 1995 AND SHALL NOT BE  
 23 FILLED BY ELECTION IN 1994.

24 (B) THE COURT OF APPEALS SHALL TEMPORARILY HAVE 25 JUDGES  
 25 AFTER JANUARY 1, 1995. THE FIRST VACANCY IN THAT DIVISION OF  
 26 DISTRICT 1 WITH 4 JUDGES THAT OCCURS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF  
 27 THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION AS A RESULT OF DEATH,

1 RETIREMENT, OR RESIGNATION OF A JUDGE SHALL NOT BE FILLED BY  
2 APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION.

3 (C) TO PROVIDE 6 JUDGES IN DISTRICTS 3 AND 4:

4 (i) IN DISTRICT 3, 1 NEW JUDGESHIP SHALL BE FILLED BY ELEC-  
5 TION IN 1994. THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF  
6 VOTES IS ELECTED FOR A TERM OF 6 YEARS.

7 (ii) IN DISTRICT 4, 1 NEW JUDGESHIP SHALL BE FILLED BY ELEC-  
8 TION IN 1994. THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF  
9 VOTES IS ELECTED FOR A TERM OF 6 YEARS.