SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 5220

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 8112 (MCL 600.8112).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 8112. (1) The EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2),
- 2 THE second district consists of the counties of Lenawee and
- 3 Hillsdale, is a district of the first class, and is divided into
- 4 the following election divisions:
- 5 (a) The first division consists of the county of Lenawee and
- 6 has 2 judges.
- 7 (b) The second division consists of the county of Hillsdale
- 8 and has 1 judge.
- 9 (2) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1998, IF THE COUNTY OF LENAWEE
- 10 APPROVES THE CREATION OF THE SECOND-A DISTRICT PURSUANT TO LAW,

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- 1 AND IF THE COUNTY OF HILLSDALE APPROVES THE CREATION OF THE
- 2 SECOND-B DISTRICT PURSUANT TO LAW, BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:
- 3 (A) THE SECOND-A DISTRICT CONSISTS OF THE COUNTY OF LENAWEE,
- 4 IS A DISTRICT OF THE FIRST CLASS, AND HAS 2 JUDGES.
- 5 (B) THE SECOND-B DISTRICT CONSISTS OF THE COUNTY OF
- 6 HILLSDALE, IS A DISTRICT OF THE FIRST CLASS, AND HAS 1 JUDGE.
- 7 Enacting section 1. The creation of the second-a district
- 8 and the second-b district, as allowed by this 1997 amendatory
- 9 act, shall not take place unless resolutions of approval by the
- 10 county boards of commissioners of the counties of Lenawee and
- 11 Hillsdale, as required by section 8176 of the revised judicature
- 12 act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.8176, are filed with the state
- 13 court administrator not later than December 1, 1997.
- 14 Enacting section 2. If new judicial districts of the dis-
- 15 trict court are created under this amendatory act pursuant to
- 16 section 8176 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236,
- 17 MCL 800.8176, the change in the composition of the affected judi-
- 18 cial districts shall take effect for judicial purposes on January
- 19 1, 1998. If the second-a district and the second-b district are
- 20 created pursuant to this amendatory act, both of the following
- 21 apply to the judges of the second district serving on the effec-
- 22 tive date of this amendatory act:
- 23 (a) The incumbent judge who resides in Hillsdale county and
- 24 whose term expires on January 1, 2003 shall become a judge of the
- 25 second-b district on January 1, 1998 for the balance of the term
- 26 for which he or she was elected, except that he or she must

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- 1 continue to meet other requirements for eligibility to serve as
- 2 district judge, including residency requirements.
- (b) The 2 judges who reside in Lenawee county and whose
- 4 terms expire on January 1, 1999 and January 1, 2003, respective-
- 5 ly, shall become judges of the second-a district on January 1,
- 6 1998 for the balance of the terms to which each of them was
- 7 elected, except that each of those judges must continue to meet
- 8 other requirements for eligibility to serve as district judge,
- 9 including residency requirements.