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ADD, DELETE JUDGESHIPS

House Bill 5357 Sponsor: Rep. Jim Howell

Committee: Civil Law and the Judiciary

Complete to 10-29-01

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5357 AS INTRODUCED 10-29-01

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to add certain circuit and district judgeships, and to eliminate certain judgeships, effective January 1, 2003 (except where, as noted, elimination of a judgeship would occur upon a vacancy or retirement). New judgeships must be approved by the local governments that fund each court. Additions and deletions would be as follows:

- 3rd Circuit Court Wayne County. The 3rd Judicial Circuit consists of Wayne County and has 64 judges. The bill would eliminate two judgeships.
- 6th Circuit Court Oakland County. The 6th Judicial Circuit consists of Oakland County and has 17 judges. The bill would add two judgeships.
- <u>7th Circuit Court Genesee County</u>. The 7th Judicial Circuit consists of Genesee County and has 7 judges. The bill would add one judgeship.
- <u>16th Circuit Court Macomb County</u>. The 16th Judicial Circuit consists of Macomb County and has nine judges. The bill would add two judgeships.
- <u>17th Circuit Court Kent County</u>. The 17th Judicial Circuit consists of Kent County and has seven judges. The bill would add two judgeships.
- <u>21st Circuit Court Isabella County</u>. The 21st Judicial Circuit consists of Isabella County and has one judge. The bill would add one judgeship.
- <u>30th District Court Highland Park</u>. The 30th District is a district of the third class and has two judges. The bill would eliminate one judgeship, either when a vacancy occurs in the office of district judge, or at the end of the term of an incumbent judge who is not eligible to seek reelection, whichever occurs earlier.

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