

# HOUSE BILL No. 6379

September 24, 2002, Introduced by Rep. Richner and referred to the Committee on Civil Law and the Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 504 (MCL 600.504), as amended by 2001 PA 254.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 504. (1) The third judicial circuit consists of the  
2 county of Wayne and has the following number of judges:

3           (a) Until 12 noon, January 1, 2003, 64 judges.

4           (b) Beginning 12 noon, January 1, 2003, and until 12 noon,  
5 January 1, 2005, 63 judges.

6           (c) Beginning 12 noon, January 1, 2005, 63 JUDGES; HOWEVER,  
7 EACH VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF JUDGE IN THIS CIRCUIT THAT OCCURS  
8 ON OR AFTER 12 NOON, JANUARY 1, 2005 SHALL REDUCE THE NUMBER OF  
9 JUDGESHIPS BY 1, UNTIL THE NUMBER OF JUDGES IS 61. ~~judges.~~

1           (2) AS USED IN SUBSECTION (1), "VACANCY" MEANS EITHER OF THE  
2 FOLLOWING:

3           (A) THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF AN INCUMBENT CIRCUIT JUDGE  
4 WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO SEEK REELECTION TO THAT OFFICE.

5           (B) THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF AN INCUMBENT CIRCUIT JUDGE  
6 WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO SEEK REELECTION BUT WHO DOES NOT FILE BY AFFI-  
7 DAVIT TO SEEK REELECTION TO THAT OFFICE OR WHO WITHDRAWS WITHIN 3  
8 DAYS AFTER FILING BY AFFIDAVIT TO SEEK REELECTION TO THAT OFFICE.