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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
91ST LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2001**

Introduced by Senators Van Regenmorter, Stille and McCotter

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 825

AN ACT to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to the organization and jurisdiction of the courts of this state; the powers and duties of such courts, and of the judges and other officers thereof; the forms and attributes of civil claims and actions; the time within which civil actions and proceedings may be brought in said courts; pleading, evidence, practice and procedure in civil and criminal actions and proceedings in said courts; to provide remedies and penalties for the violation of certain provisions of this act; to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 518, 521, and 522 (MCL 600.518, 600.521, and 600.522), section 518 as amended by 1988 PA 134, section 521 as amended by 1990 PA 54, and section 522 as amended by 1981 PA 182.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 518. The seventeenth judicial circuit consists of the county of Kent and has 7 judges. Subject to section 550, this judicial circuit may have 2 additional judges effective January 1, 2003.

Sec. 521. The twentieth judicial circuit consists of the county of Ottawa and has 3 judges. Subject to section 550, the twentieth judicial circuit may have 1 additional judge effective January 1, 2005.

Sec. 522. The twenty-first judicial circuit consists of the county of Isabella and has 1 judge.

Enacting section 1. (1) If 2 new offices of judge are added to the seventeenth judicial circuit by election in 2002, pursuant to this amendatory act, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the November 2002 general election shall be elected for a term of 8 years, and the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of 6 years.

(2) If 1 new office of judge is added to the twentieth judicial circuit by election in 2004, pursuant to this amendatory act, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the November 2004 general election shall be elected for a term of 8 years.

Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless all of the following bills of the 91st Legislature are enacted into law:

- (a) Senate Bill No. 76.
- (b) Senate Bill No. 764.
- (c) Senate Bill No. 765.
- (d) Senate Bill No. 786.
- (e) House Bill No. 5357.

Carol Morey Viventi

Secretary of the Senate.

Sam E. Randall

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Approved _____

Governor.