## **SENATE BILL No. 74**

January 28, 2003, Introduced by Senators STAMAS, ALLEN, PRUSI and BARCIA and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending sections 524, 527, and 549e (MCL 600.524, 600.527, and 600.549e), as amended by 2002 PA 92.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 524. The twenty-third judicial circuit consists of the
- 2 counties of Iosco and Oscoda and has 1 judge. Beginning April 1,
- 3 2003, the twenty-third judicial circuit consists of the counties
- 4 of Alcona, Arenac, Iosco, and Oscoda and has 2 judges. The
- 5 additional judgeship in this circuit shall be filled by the
- 5 incumbent circuit judge of the thirty-fourth circuit residing in
- 7 Arenac county with a term ending January 1, 2009, who shall serve
- 8 as a judge of the twenty-third circuit for the balance of the
- 9 term to which he or she was elected or appointed. For purposes
- 10 of the November 2008 general election only, the term of the

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- 1 candidate for circuit judge in this circuit who receives the
- 2 highest number of votes shall be 8 years, and the term of the
- 3 candidate receiving the second highest number of votes shall be
- 4 6 years.
- 5 Sec. 527. The twenty-sixth judicial circuit consists of the
- 6 counties of Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency, and Presque Isle and has
- 7 2 judges. Beginning April 1, 2003, the twenty-sixth judicial
- 8 circuit consists of the counties of Alpena and Montmorency. This
- 9 circuit shall have 1 judge beginning on the earlier of the
- 10 following dates:
- 11 (a) The date on which a vacancy occurs in the office of
- 12 circuit judge for this judicial circuit.
- 13 (b) Twelve noon, January 1, 2005.
- 14 Sec. 549e. The fifty-third judicial circuit consists of the
- 15 county of Cheboygan and has 1 judge. Beginning April 1, 2003,
- 16 the fifty-third judicial circuit consists of the counties of
- 17 Cheboygan and Presque Isle and has 1 judge.

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