

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 193

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled  
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"  
by amending section 8117 (MCL 600.8117), as amended by 1997 PA 161.

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

- 1       Sec. 8117. ~~—(1) Except as provided in subsection (3), the~~  
2 ~~eighth district consists of the county of Kalamazoo except the~~  
3 ~~cities of Kalamazoo and Portage, is a district of the second class,~~  
4 ~~and has 2 judges.~~  
5       ~~—(2) Except as provided in subsection (3), the ninth district~~  
6 ~~consists of the cities of Kalamazoo and Portage, is a district of~~  
7 ~~the third class, and is divided into the following election~~  
8 ~~divisions:~~  
9       ~~—(a) The first division consists of the city of Kalamazoo and~~

1 ~~has 4 judges.~~

2 ~~—— (b) The second division consists of the city of Portage and~~  
3 ~~has 1 judge.~~

4 ~~—— (3) Effective January 1, 1999, if the county of Kalamazoo, the~~  
5 ~~city of Portage, and the city of Kalamazoo have approved the~~  
6 ~~reformation of the eighth district pursuant to law, the~~ **THE** ~~eighth~~  
7 ~~district consists of the county of Kalamazoo, is a district of the~~  
8 ~~first class, and has 7 judges. —, and is divided into 3 election~~  
9 ~~divisions, as follows:~~

10 ~~—— (a) The first division consists of the city of Kalamazoo and~~  
11 ~~has 4 judges.~~

12 ~~—— (b) The second division consists of the city of Portage and~~  
13 ~~has 1 judge.~~

14 ~~—— (c) The third division consists of the county of Kalamazoo~~  
15 ~~except the cities of Kalamazoo and Portage and has 2 judges.~~

16 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect January  
17 2, 2007.

18 Enacting section 2. Upon the effective date of this amendatory  
19 act, all incumbent district judges elected or appointed to the  
20 first, second, and third election divisions of the eighth district  
21 and serving at 11:59 p.m. on January 1, 2007 shall serve as judges  
22 of the reconstituted eighth district until the expiration of the  
23 terms for which they were elected or appointed.

24 Enacting section 3. To stagger the terms of 7 district judges  
25 in the eighth district court district so that approximately 1/3 of  
26 those terms expire every 2 years, the candidate for district judge  
27 receiving the highest number of votes in the 2010 general election

1 only shall receive a term of 8 years if both of the following  
2 conditions apply:

3 (a) That candidate is among the persons listed together on the  
4 ballot seeking election to 1 or more existing judgeships for which  
5 the incumbent judge is seeking election.

6 (b) That candidate is not seeking election to fill the  
7 unexpired portion of a term.