

SENATE BILL No. 838

November 10, 2011, Introduced by Senator JONES and referred to the Committee on Redistricting.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judiciary act of 1961," by amending sections 528 and 8144 (MCL 600.528 and 600.8144), section 528 as amended by 1988 PA 134 and section 8144 as amended by 2002 PA 92.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 528. (1) ~~The~~ **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), THE**
2 twenty-seventh judicial circuit consists of the counties of Newaygo
3 and Oceana and has ~~1~~ judge. ~~Subject to section 550, this judicial~~
4 ~~circuit may have 1 additional judge effective January 1, 1989.~~
5 **JUDGES.**

6 (2) **BEGINNING ON THE EARLIER OF THE FOLLOWING DATES, THE**
7 **TWENTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HAS 1 JUDGE:**

1 (A) THE DATE ON WHICH A VACANCY OCCURS IN THE OFFICE OF
2 CIRCUIT JUDGE IN THE TWENTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT.

3 (B) THE BEGINNING DATE OF THE TERM FOR WHICH AN INCUMBENT
4 CIRCUIT JUDGE IN THE TWENTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT NO LONGER
5 SEEKS ELECTION OR REELECTION TO THAT OFFICE.

6 Sec. 8144. (1) ~~The~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), THE
7 seventy-ninth district consists of the counties of ~~Oeeana and~~
8 ~~Mason, is a district of the first class, and has 1 judge. Beginning~~
9 ~~April 1, 2003, the seventy ninth district consists of the counties~~
10 ~~of~~ Lake and Mason, is a district of the first class, and has 1
11 judge.

12 (2) BEGINNING ON THE DATE ON WHICH A VACANCY OCCURS IN THE
13 OFFICE OF DISTRICT JUDGE IN THE SEVENTY-NINTH DISTRICT OR THE
14 BEGINNING DATE OF THE TERM FOR WHICH THE INCUMBENT DISTRICT JUDGE
15 IN THE SEVENTY-NINTH DISTRICT NO LONGER SEEKS ELECTION OR
16 REELECTION TO THAT OFFICE, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER, THE SEVENTY-NINTH
17 DISTRICT CONSISTS OF THE COUNTIES OF LAKE AND MASON AND IS A
18 DISTRICT OF THE FIRST CLASS. UNDER SECTION 810A, THE PROBATE JUDGE
19 FOR THE COUNTY OF LAKE SHALL SERVE AS JUDGE OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH
20 DISTRICT WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LAKE AND THE PROBATE JUDGE FOR THE
21 COUNTY OF MASON SHALL SERVE AS JUDGE OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH DISTRICT
22 WITHIN THE COUNTY OF MASON.