

REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961 (EXCERPT)
Act 236 of 1961

600.8120 Fourteenth, fourteenth-a, fourteenth-b, and fifteenth districts.

Sec. 8120. (1) The fourteenth district consists of the county of Washtenaw except the city of Ann Arbor, is a district of the second class, and has 4 judges. If the township of Ypsilanti approves the formation of the fourteenth-b district and district judgeship subject to section 8176, effective on January 1, 1985 and through December 31, 1986, the fourteenth-a district consists of the county of Washtenaw, except the city of Ann Arbor and the township of Ypsilanti, is a district of the second class, and has 4 judges. Effective on January 1, 1987, the fourteenth-a district consists of the county of Washtenaw, except the city of Ann Arbor and the township of Ypsilanti, is a district of the second class, and has 3 judges.

(2) If the township of Ypsilanti approves the formation of the fourteenth-b district and district judgeship subject to section 8176, effective on January 1, 1985, the fourteenth-b district consists of the township of Ypsilanti, is a district of the third class, and has 1 judge.

(3) The fifteenth district consists of the city of Ann Arbor, is a district of the third class, and has 3 judges. Subject to section 8175, this district may have 1 additional judge effective January 1, 1993.

History: Add. 1968, Act 154, Imd. Eff. June 17, 1968;—Am. 1974, Act 145, Imd. Eff. June 7, 1974;—Am. 1984, Act 95, Imd. Eff. Apr. 23, 1984;—Am. 1988, Act 135, Imd. Eff. May 27, 1988;—Am. 1990, Act 54, Imd. Eff. Apr. 11, 1990.

Compiler's note: Sections 2 to 7 of Act 145 of 1974 provide:

"Effective date of changes.

"Section 2. The changes in the composition of judicial circuits or district court districts as provided in this amendatory act shall become effective for judicial purposes on January 1, 1975.

"Election of additional circuit and district judges; assumption of office; appearance of new judgeships on ballot; nominating petitions; incumbent judges.

"Section 3. The additional circuit and district judges authorized by this amendatory act shall be elected in 1974 and shall assume office on January 1, 1975. The new judgeships authorized by this amendatory act shall appear on the ballot separate and apart from other judicial offices on the ballot in the primary and general election in the respective judicial circuits and district court districts. If another judicial office of the same court is to be filled by election in the same circuit or district, a candidate for a new judgeship authorized in that circuit or district by this amendatory act shall indicate, at the time of filing his nominating petitions, whether he is filing for a new judgeship or for 1 of the other judicial offices of the same court to be filled by election in the applicable year. Petitions for a new judgeship created by this act must bear signatures affixed thereto after the effective date of this act. Any incumbent circuit or district judge whose term is expiring January 1, 1975, and who is seeking election to a judicial office of the same court in 1974 is entitled to the designation of his office even if he is a candidate for a new office of the same court authorized by this amendatory act.

"Nominating petitions.

"Section 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, nominating petitions for the offices added by this 1974 amendatory act shall contain not less than 1/2 of 1% nor more than 2% of the total number of votes cast in that judicial circuit for secretary of state at the last preceding general November election in which a secretary of state was elected.

"Nomination, election, and terms of candidates for new circuit judgeships.

"Section 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 3 and 4 of Act No. 169 of the Public Acts of 1972, the 10 candidates for the new circuit judgeships in the third judicial circuit created by Act No. 169 of the Public Acts of 1972 who receive the highest votes in the August primary election shall be deemed nominated for the 5 new judgeships created thereby. Of the additional judgeships so created for the third judicial circuit the candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the 1974 general election shall be elected for a term of 10 years, the candidates receiving the second and third highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of 8 years, and the candidates receiving the fourth and fifth highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of 6 years.

"Terms of additional circuit judges.

"Section 6. The additional circuit judges authorized by this amendatory act shall be elected for a term of 6 years except that the additional circuit judge authorized by this amendatory act in the forty-fourth judicial circuit shall be elected for a term of 8 years.

"Terms of additional district judges in certain districts.

"Section 7. In districts in which the district court is already functioning on the effective date of this amendatory act, the additional district judges authorized by this amendatory act shall be elected for a term of 6 years, except that the additional district judges authorized in the first election division of the ninth district and in the fifteenth district shall be elected for a term of 8 years and that the additional district judge authorized in the newly divided forty-first-a district shall be elected for a term of 4 years."

Section 2 of Act 135 of 1988 provides:

"Any additional district judgeship to be added by election in 1988 shall not be authorized to be filled by election unless each district control unit of the district, by resolution adopted by the governing body of the district control unit, approves the creation of that judgeship and unless the clerk of each district control unit adopting such a resolution files a copy of the resolution with the state court administrator not later than 4 p.m. of the tenth Tuesday preceding the August primary for the election to fill the additional district judgeship."

Section 2 of Act 54 of 1990 provides:

"If a new judicial circuit of the circuit court is created under this amendatory act pursuant to section 550a, the change in the composition of the affected judicial circuits shall take effect for judicial purposes on January 1, 1991. If the fifty-sixth judicial circuit is created pursuant to this amendatory act, the incumbent judge of the fifth judicial circuit who resides in Eaton county shall become the judge of the fifty-sixth judicial circuit on January 1, 1991, and shall serve until the term for which he or she was elected in the fifth judicial circuit expires."