

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

600.9935 Twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth, and twenty-seventh districts; commencement of district courts and abolition of municipal courts; municipal or associate municipal judges as judges of district courts; election to district court; affidavit of candidacy; designation on ballot; terms of district judges; certain elections canceled or rendered null and void.

Sec. 9935. (1) Effective December 1, 1977, the district court shall commence to function in the twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth and twenty-seventh districts and as of that date, all municipal courts within those districts shall be abolished.

(2) Effective December 1, 1977, the elected incumbent attorney municipal judges of the cities of Allen Park, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, Riverview, and Wyandotte and the elected incumbent attorney associate municipal judge of the city of Lincoln Park shall become judges of the district court within the districts and election divisions provided in section 8121 and shall serve as district judges until 12 noon of January 1 of the odd numbered year next following the date on which their terms as municipal or associate municipal judges would normally have expired. In seeking election to the district court after December 1, 1977, a municipal or associate municipal judge becoming a judge of the district court pursuant to this subsection may file an affidavit of candidacy in like manner as other incumbent judges of the district court and shall be entitled to designation on the ballot as a judge of the district court. Where the terms of any 2 district judges in such a district or election division expire at the same time, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the general election to fill those offices shall serve a term of 6 years and the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve a term of 4 years.

(3) Due to the abolishing of municipal courts in the district court districts listed in subsection (1) as of December 1, 1977, any election scheduled for November of 1977 for the office of municipal or associate municipal judge for a municipal court which is abolished under subsection (1) is hereby canceled and any filing, primary election, or general election for such an office which may occur before this section is enacted into law is hereby rendered null and void.

History: Add. 1977, Act 129, Imd. Eff. Oct. 21, 1977.