



Sub. S.B. 164
123rd General Assembly
(As Reported by H. Criminal Justice)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Adds one new judge to the Fifth District Court of Appeals to be elected in the year 2000.
- Creates the Fifth Appellate District Study Committee to study the configuration and composition of the Fifth Appellate District.
- Adds one new judge to the Eleventh District Court of Appeals to be elected in the year 2000.
- Specifies that the term of the judge of the Lake County Court of Common Pleas who is first elected in 2000 begins on January 6, 2001.
- Declares an emergency.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Fifth District Court of Appeals

Under existing law, the Fifth District Court of Appeals has five full-time judges.¹ The bill adds one additional judge to that court to be elected at the general election in 2000 for a term of six years beginning February 11, 2001. (R.C. 2501.011(A).)

¹ *The Fifth District is composed of Ashland, Coshocton, Delaware, Fairfield, Guernsey, Holmes, Knox, Licking, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Perry, Richland, Stark, and Tuscarawas counties.*

The bill creates the Fifth Appellate District Study Committee. The Study Committee must study the configuration and composition of the Fifth Appellate District. Not later than June 30, 2000, the Study Committee must submit recommendations on whether and how to revise the configuration and composition of the Fifth Appellate District to the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the President and Minority Leader of the Senate, the Chair of the House Criminal Justice Committee, the Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The Fifth Appellate District Committee will cease to exist on July 1, 2000.

The Study Committee will consist of the following members: (1) all members of the House of Representatives that represent the counties that comprise the Fifth Appellate District, (2) all members of the Senate that represent the counties that comprise the Fifth Appellate District, (3) the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or the Chief Justice's designee, (4) the Chair of the House Criminal Justice Committee, (5) the Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, (6) a member of the House of Representatives appointed by the House Minority Leader, and (7) a member of the Senate appointed by the Senate Minority Leader. The Chair of the House Criminal Justice Committee, or the Chair's designee, must chair the Fifth Appellate District Study Committee. The Chair of the Study Committee must hold the Study Committee's first meeting not later than January 20, 2000. (Section 3.)

Eleventh District Court of Appeals

Under existing law, the Eleventh District Court of Appeals has four full-time judges.² The bill adds one additional judge to that court to be elected at the general election in 2000 for a term of six years beginning February 10, 2001. (R.C. 2501.012(D).)

Lake County Court of Common Pleas

Under existing law, the judge of the Lake County Court of Common Pleas who is to be elected in 2000 is to begin that term on January 1, 2001. The bill changes the starting date of that judicial term to January 6, 2001. (R.C. 2301.02(B).)

HISTORY

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JOURNAL ENTRY

² *The Eleventh District is composed of Lake, Ashtabula, Geauga, Trumbull, and Portage counties.*

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