

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2423

## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WEST.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 478.600, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the eleventh judicial circuit.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 478.600, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 478.600, to read as follows:

478.600. 1. There shall be four circuit judges in the eleventh judicial circuit. These judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two, three and four. Beginning on January 1, 2007, there shall be six circuit judges in the eleventh judicial circuit and these judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two, three, four, five, and seven. The division five associate circuit judge position and the division seven associate circuit judge position shall become circuit judge positions beginning January 1, 2007, and shall be numbered as divisions five and seven.

2. The circuit judge in division two shall be elected in 1980. The circuit judge in division four shall be elected in 1982. The circuit judge in division one shall be elected in 1984. The circuit judge in division three shall be elected in 1992. The circuit judges in divisions five and seven shall be elected for a six-year term in 2006.

3. Beginning January 1, 2007, the family court commissioner positions in the eleventh judicial circuit appointed under section 487.020 shall become associate circuit judge positions in all respects and shall be designated as divisions nine and ten respectively. These positions may retain the duties and responsibilities with regard to the family court. The associate circuit judges in divisions nine and ten shall be elected in 2006 for full four-year terms.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18           4. Beginning on January 1, 2007, the treatment court commissioner position in the  
19 eleventh judicial circuit appointed under section 478.003 shall become an associate circuit  
20 judge position in all respects and shall be designated as division eleven. This position  
21 [~~retains~~] **may retain** the duties and responsibilities with regard to the treatment court. Such  
22 associate circuit judge shall be elected in 2006 for a full four-year term. This associate circuit  
23 judgeship shall not be included in the statutory formula for authorizing additional associate  
24 circuit judgeships per county under section 478.320.

25           5. Beginning in fiscal year 2015, there shall be one additional associate circuit judge  
26 position in the eleventh judicial circuit. The associate circuit judge shall be elected in 2016.  
27 This associate circuit judgeship shall not be included in the statutory formula for authorizing  
28 additional circuit judgeships per county under section 478.320. Beginning in fiscal year  
29 2019, there shall be one additional associate circuit judge position in the eleventh judicial  
30 circuit. The associate circuit judge shall be elected in 2020. This associate circuit judgeship  
31 shall not be included in the statutory formula for authorizing additional circuit judgeships per  
32 county under section 478.320.

33           **6. Beginning in fiscal year 2023, there shall be one additional associate circuit**  
34 **judge position in the eleventh judicial circuit. The associate circuit judge shall be**  
35 **elected in 2024. This associate circuit judgeship shall be included in the statutory**  
36 **formula for authorizing additional associate circuit judgeships per county under section**  
37 **478.320.**

38           **7. Beginning in fiscal year 2023, there shall be a commissioner of the probate**  
39 **division under section 478.265. This commissioner of the probate division shall be**  
40 **included in the statutory formula for authorizing additional probate commissioners per**  
41 **county under section 478.265.**

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