## **HOUSE BILL 444**

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 14, Part 2 and Section 16-2-506, relative to the twenty-second judicial district.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated Section, 16-2-506, is amended by deleting the semicolon";" at the end of subsection (22)(A) and substituting instead a period "." and by adding the following new language to the end of such subsection:

Effective July 1, 2009, there is created an additional circuit court in the twenty-second judicial district. The governor shall appoint a person to serve as judge of the newly created circuit court in accordance with § 17-4-118. The person so appointed shall serve in such capacity until September 1, 2010, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. At the August 2010 general election, the qualified voters of the twenty-second judicial district shall elect, in accordance with § 16-2-505, a person to serve as judge for the circuit court created in this act. The person so elected at the August 2010 election shall hold office until September 1, 2014, and until the person's successor is elected and qualified. Thereafter, the judge shall be elected for full eight-year terms;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated Section, 16-2-506(22)(B), is amended by deleting the words and figures "eight (8) assistant district attorney general positions" and by substituting instead the words and figures "nine (9) assistant district attorney general positions".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-14-202(d)(1), is amended by deleting the number "5" in the row pertaining to assistant district public defender positions in Judicial District 22, and by substituting instead the number "6".

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.