## **HOUSE BILL 2002**

## By Farmer

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 2, relative to judicial districts.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(4)(A), is amended by redesignating the current language as subdivision (4)(A)(i) and adding the following language as a new subdivision (4)(A)(ii):

(ii) Effective September 1, 2024, there is created in the fourth judicial district one (1) additional circuit court to be designated as part V. The governor shall appoint a person to serve as judge of part V of the circuit court. The person so appointed shall serve in that capacity until September 1, 2026, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. At the August 2026 general election, the qualified voters of the fourth judicial district shall elect, in accordance with § 16-2-505, one (1) person to serve as judge of part V of the circuit court. The person so elected at the August 2026 election shall hold office until September 1, 2030, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. Thereafter, the judge of part V of the circuit court must be elected for a full eight-year term.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.