



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 396

### HOUSE BILL NO. 905

**By Representatives Curtis Johnson, Mr. Speaker Sexton, Kumar, Cepicky, Doggett, Littleton, Keisling, Williams, Reedy, Barrett, Capley, Sherrell, Glynn**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1420**

**By Senators Roberts, Yager, Hensley, Powers, Bailey, Walley, Bowling**

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(13)(A), is amended by redesignating the current language as subdivision (13)(A)(i) and adding the following language as a new subdivision (13)(A)(ii):

(ii) Effective September 1, 2023, there is created in the thirteenth judicial district one (1) additional criminal court to be designated as part III. The governor shall appoint a person to serve as judge of part III of the criminal court, and the person so appointed shall serve in that capacity until September 1, 2024, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. At the August 2024 general election, the qualified voters of the thirteenth judicial district shall elect, in accordance with § 16-2-505, one (1) person to serve as judge of part III of the criminal court created by this section. The person so elected at the August 2024 election shall hold office until September 1, 2030, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. Thereafter, the judge of part III of the criminal court shall be elected for a full eight-year term.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(19)(A), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(viii) Effective September 1, 2023, there is created in the nineteenth judicial district one (1) additional circuit court to be designated as part VI. The governor shall appoint a person to serve as judge of part VI of the circuit court, and the person so appointed shall serve in that capacity until September 1, 2024, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. At the August 2024 general election, the qualified voters of the nineteenth judicial district shall elect, in accordance with § 16-2-505, one (1) person to serve as judge of part VI of the circuit court. The person so elected at the August 2024 general election shall hold office until September 1, 2030, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. Thereafter, the judge of part VI of the circuit court shall be elected for a full eight-year term.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(22)(A), is amended by redesignating the current language as subdivision (22)(A)(i) and adding the following language as a new subdivision (22)(A)(ii):

(ii) Effective September 1, 2023, there is created in the twenty-second judicial district one (1) additional circuit court to be designated as division V. The governor shall appoint a person to serve as judge of division V of the circuit court, and the person so appointed shall serve in that capacity until September 1, 2024, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. At the August 2024 general election, the qualified voters of the twenty-second judicial district shall elect, in accordance with § 16-2-505, one (1) person to serve as judge of division V. The person so elected at the August 2024 election shall hold office until September 1, 2030, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. Thereafter, the judge of division V of the circuit court shall be elected for a full eight-year term.

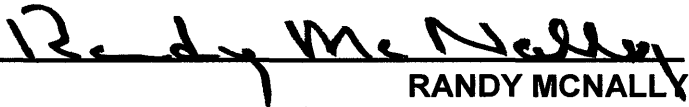
SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 21, 2023



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR