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To provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit and district judges, and for other purposes.

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Mr. ISSA (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit and district judges, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Judgeship Act  
5 of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. DISTRICT JUDGES FOR THE DISTRICT COURTS IN**

7 **2025.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall appoint, by  
9 and with the advice and consent of the Senate—

1           (1) 1 additional district judge for the central  
2 district of California;

3           (2) 1 additional district judge for the eastern  
4 district of California;

5           (3) 1 additional district judge for the northern  
6 district of California;

7           (4) 1 additional district judges for the middle  
8 district of Florida;

9           (5) 1 additional district judge for the southern  
10 district of Indiana;

11          (6) 1 additional district judge for the northern  
12 district of Iowa;

13          (7) 1 additional district judge for the district of  
14 Nebraska;

15          (8) 1 additional district judge for the eastern  
16 district of Oklahoma;

17          (9) 1 additional district judge for the southern  
18 district of Texas; and

19          (10) 2 additional district judges for the western  
20 district of Texas.

21       (b) EXISTING JUDGESHIPS.—

22           (1) CONVERSION OF TEMPORARY JUDGESHIPS  
23 TO PERMANENT JUDGESHIPS.—The existing judge-  
24 ship for the eastern district of Missouri authorized  
25 by section 203(c) of the Judicial Improvements Act

1 of 1990 (Public Law 101–650; 28 U.S.C. 133 note)  
2 and the existing judgeships for the district of Ari-  
3 zona, the central district of California, the southern  
4 district of Florida, the district of New Mexico, the  
5 western district of North Carolina, and the eastern  
6 district of Texas, authorized by section 312(c) of the  
7 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations  
8 Authorization Act (Public Law 107–273; 28 U.S.C.  
9 133 note), as amended by Public Law 113–235, as  
10 of the effective date of this Act, shall be perma-  
11 nently authorized under section 133 of title 28,  
12 United States Code, and the incumbents in those of-  
13 fices shall hold the office under section 133 of title  
14 28, United States Code, as amended by this Act.

15 (2) DISTRICT OF KANSAS.—The existing judge-  
16 ship for the district of Kansas authorized by section  
17 203(c) of the Judicial Improvements Act of 1990  
18 (Public Law 101–650; 28 U.S.C. 133 note), is  
19 amended in the matter following paragraph 12 in  
20 the second sentence (relating to the district of Kan-  
21 sas), by striking “32 years and 6 months” and in-  
22 serting “37 years and 6 months”.

23 (3) NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA.—Sec-  
24 tion 312(c)(2) of the 21st Century Department of  
25 Justice Appropriations Authorization Act (Public

1 Law 107–273; 28 U.S.C. 133 note), as amended by  
 2 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public  
 3 Law 117–328; 28 U.S.C. 133 note), is amended—

4 (A) by inserting “, the northern district of  
 5 Alabama,” after “except in the case of the cen-  
 6 tral district of California”; and

7 (B) by adding at the end the following  
 8 “The first vacancy in the office of district judge  
 9 in the northern district of Alabama occurring  
 10 26 years or more after the confirmation date of  
 11 the judge named to fill the temporary district  
 12 judgeship created in that district by this sub-  
 13 section, shall not be filled.”.

14 (c) TABLES.—The table contained in section 133 of  
 15 title 28, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-  
 16 lows:

<b>“Districts</b>	<b>Number of Judges</b>
Alabama:	
Northern .....	7
Middle .....	3
Southern .....	3
Alaska .....	3
Arizona .....	13
Arkansas:	
Eastern .....	5
Western .....	3
California:	
Northern .....	15
Eastern .....	7
Central .....	29
Southern .....	13
Colorado .....	7
Connecticut .....	8

<b>“Districts</b>	<b>Number of Judges</b>
Delaware .....	4
District of Columbia .....	15
Florida:	
Northern .....	4
Middle .....	16
Southern .....	18
Georgia:	
Northern .....	11
Middle .....	4
Southern .....	3
Hawaii .....	3
Idaho .....	2
Illinois:	
Northern .....	22
Central .....	4
Southern .....	4
Indiana:	
Northern .....	5
Southern .....	6
Iowa:	
Northern .....	3
Southern .....	3
Kansas .....	5
Kentucky:	
Eastern .....	5
Western .....	4
Eastern and Western .....	1
Louisiana:	
Eastern .....	12
Middle .....	3
Western .....	7
Maine .....	3
Maryland .....	10
Massachusetts .....	13
Michigan:	
Eastern .....	15
Western .....	4
Minnesota .....	7
Mississippi:	
Northern .....	3
Southern .....	6
Missouri:	
Eastern .....	7
Western .....	5
Eastern and Western .....	2
Montana .....	3
Nebraska .....	4
Nevada .....	7
New Hampshire .....	3
New Jersey .....	17
New Mexico .....	7
New York:	

<b>“Districts</b>	<b>Number of Judges</b>
Northern .....	5
Southern .....	28
Eastern .....	15
Western .....	4
North Carolina:	
Eastern .....	4
Middle .....	4
Western .....	5
North Dakota .....	2
Ohio:	
Northern .....	11
Southern .....	8
Oklahoma:	
Northern .....	3
Eastern .....	2
Western .....	6
Northern, Eastern, and Western .....	1
Oregon .....	6
Pennsylvania:	
Eastern .....	22
Middle .....	6
Western .....	10
Puerto Rico .....	7
Rhode Island .....	3
South Carolina .....	10
South Dakota .....	3
Tennessee:	
Eastern .....	5
Middle .....	4
Western .....	5
Texas:	
Northern .....	12
Southern .....	20
Eastern .....	8
Western .....	15
Utah .....	5
Vermont .....	2
Virginia:	
Eastern .....	11
Western .....	4
Washington:	
Eastern .....	4
Western .....	7
West Virginia:	
Northern .....	3
Southern .....	5
Wisconsin:	
Eastern .....	5
Western .....	2
Wyoming .....	3.”

1 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-  
2 ments made by this section shall take effect on February  
3 1, 2025.

4 **SEC. 3. DISTRICT JUDGES FOR THE DISTRICT COURTS IN**  
5 **2027.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall appoint, by  
7 and with the advice and consent of the Senate—

8 (1) 1 additional district judge for the district of  
9 Arizona;

10 (2) 2 additional district judges for the central  
11 district of California;

12 (3) 1 additional district judge for the eastern  
13 district of California;

14 (4) 1 additional district judge for the northern  
15 district of California;

16 (5) 1 additional district judge for the southern  
17 district of California;

18 (6) 1 additional district judge for the middle  
19 district of Florida;

20 (7) 1 additional district judge for the northern  
21 district of Florida;

22 (8) 1 additional district judge for the southern  
23 district of Florida;

24 (9) 1 additional district judge for the district of  
25 Idaho;

1           (10) 1 additional district judge for the district  
2 of New Jersey;

3           (11) 1 additional district judge for the southern  
4 district of New York;

5           (12) 1 additional district judge for the northern  
6 district of Oklahoma;

7           (13) 1 additional district judge for the eastern  
8 district of Texas;

9           (14) 1 additional district judge for the northern  
10 district of Texas;

11          (15) 1 additional district judge for the southern  
12 district of Texas; and

13          (16) 2 additional district judges for the western  
14 district of Texas.

15          (b) TABLES.—The table contained in section 133 of  
16 title 28, United States Code, as amended by this Act, is  
17 further amended to read as follows:

<b>“Districts</b>	<b>Number of Judges</b>
Alabama:	
Northern .....	7
Middle .....	3
Southern .....	3
Alaska .....	3
Arizona .....	14
Arkansas:	
Eastern .....	5
Western .....	3
California:	
Northern .....	16
Eastern .....	8
Central .....	31
Southern .....	14



<b>“Districts</b>	<b>Number of Judges</b>
Colorado .....	7
Connecticut .....	8
Delaware .....	4
District of Columbia .....	15
Florida:	
Northern .....	5
Middle .....	17
Southern .....	19
Georgia:	
Northern .....	11
Middle .....	4
Southern .....	3
Hawaii .....	3
Idaho .....	3
Illinois:	
Northern .....	22
Central .....	4
Southern .....	4
Indiana:	
Northern .....	5
Southern .....	6
Iowa:	
Northern .....	3
Southern .....	3
Kansas .....	5
Kentucky:	
Eastern .....	5
Western .....	4
Eastern and Western .....	1
Louisiana:	
Eastern .....	12
Middle .....	3
Western .....	7
Maine .....	3
Maryland .....	10
Massachusetts .....	13
Michigan:	
Eastern .....	15
Western .....	4
Minnesota .....	7
Mississippi:	
Northern .....	3
Southern .....	6
Missouri:	
Eastern .....	7
Western .....	5
Eastern and Western .....	2
Montana .....	3
Nebraska .....	4
Nevada .....	7
New Hampshire .....	3
New Jersey .....	18

<b>“Districts</b>	<b>Number of Judges</b>
New Mexico .....	7
New York:	
Northern .....	5
Southern .....	29
Eastern .....	15
Western .....	4
North Carolina:	
Eastern .....	4
Middle .....	4
Western .....	5
North Dakota .....	2
Ohio:	
Northern .....	11
Southern .....	8
Oklahoma:	
Northern .....	4
Eastern .....	2
Western .....	6
Northern, Eastern, and Western .....	1
Oregon .....	6
Pennsylvania:	
Eastern .....	22
Middle .....	6
Western .....	10
Puerto Rico .....	7
Rhode Island .....	3
South Carolina .....	10
South Dakota .....	3
Tennessee:	
Eastern .....	5
Middle .....	4
Western .....	5
Texas:	
Northern .....	13
Southern .....	21
Eastern .....	9
Western .....	17
Utah .....	5
Vermont .....	2
Virginia:	
Eastern .....	11
Western .....	4
Washington:	
Eastern .....	4
Western .....	7
West Virginia:	
Northern .....	3
Southern .....	5
Wisconsin:	
Eastern .....	5
Western .....	2
Wyoming .....	3.”

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-  
2 ments made by this section shall take effect on February  
3 1, 2027.

4 **SEC. 4. DISTRICT JUDGES FOR THE DISTRICT COURTS IN**  
5 **2029.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall appoint, by  
7 and with the advice and consent of the Senate—

8 (1) 1 additional district judge for the eastern  
9 district of California;

10 (2) 3 additional district judges for the central  
11 district of California;

12 (3) 2 additional district judges for the northern  
13 district of California;

14 (4) 1 additional district judge for the district of  
15 Colorado;

16 (5) 1 additional district judge for the district of  
17 Delaware;

18 (6) 2 additional district judges for the middle  
19 district of Florida;

20 (7) 1 additional district judges for the southern  
21 district of Florida;

22 (8) 1 additional district judge for the northern  
23 district of Georgia;

24 (9) 1 additional district judge for the district of  
25 New Jersey;

1           (10) 1 additional district judge for the eastern  
2 district of New York;

3           (11) 1 additional district judges for the south-  
4 ern district of New York;

5           (12) 1 additional district judge for the western  
6 district of New York;

7           (13) 1 additional district judge for the eastern  
8 district of Oklahoma;

9           (14) 1 additional district judge for the southern  
10 district of Texas; and

11           (15) 1 additional district judge for the western  
12 district of Texas.

13       (b) TABLES.—The table contained in section 133 of  
14 title 28, United States Code, as amended by this Act, is  
15 further amended to read as follows:

<b>“Districts</b>	<b>Number of Judges</b>
Alabama:	
Northern .....	7
Middle .....	3
Southern .....	3
Alaska .....	3
Arizona .....	14
Arkansas:	
Eastern .....	5
Western .....	3
California:	
Northern .....	18
Eastern .....	9
Central .....	34
Southern .....	14
Colorado .....	8
Connecticut .....	8
Delaware .....	5
District of Columbia .....	15

<b>“Districts</b>	<b>Number of Judges</b>
Florida:	
Northern .....	5
Middle .....	19
Southern .....	20
Georgia:	
Northern .....	12
Middle .....	4
Southern .....	3
Hawaii .....	3
Idaho .....	3
Illinois:	
Northern .....	22
Central .....	4
Southern .....	4
Indiana:	
Northern .....	5
Southern .....	6
Iowa:	
Northern .....	3
Southern .....	3
Kansas .....	5
Kentucky:	
Eastern .....	5
Western .....	4
Eastern and Western .....	1
Louisiana:	
Eastern .....	12
Middle .....	3
Western .....	7
Maine .....	3
Maryland .....	10
Massachusetts .....	13
Michigan:	
Eastern .....	15
Western .....	4
Minnesota .....	7
Mississippi:	
Northern .....	3
Southern .....	6
Missouri:	
Eastern .....	7
Western .....	5
Eastern and Western .....	2
Montana .....	3
Nebraska .....	4
Nevada .....	7
New Hampshire .....	3
New Jersey .....	19
New Mexico .....	7
New York:	
Northern .....	5
Southern .....	30

<b>“Districts</b>	<b>Number of Judges</b>
Eastern .....	16
Western .....	5
North Carolina:	
Eastern .....	4
Middle .....	4
Western .....	5
North Dakota .....	2
Ohio:	
Northern .....	11
Southern .....	8
Oklahoma:	
Northern .....	4
Eastern .....	3
Western .....	6
Northern, Eastern, and Western .....	1
Oregon .....	6
Pennsylvania:	
Eastern .....	22
Middle .....	6
Western .....	10
Puerto Rico .....	7
Rhode Island .....	3
South Carolina .....	10
South Dakota .....	3
Tennessee:	
Eastern .....	5
Middle .....	4
Western .....	5
Texas:	
Northern .....	13
Southern .....	22
Eastern .....	9
Western .....	18
Utah .....	5
Vermont .....	2
Virginia:	
Eastern .....	11
Western .....	4
Washington:	
Eastern .....	4
Western .....	7
West Virginia:	
Northern .....	3
Southern .....	5
Wisconsin:	
Eastern .....	5
Western .....	2
Wyoming .....	3.”

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-  
2 ments made by this section shall take effect on February  
3 1, 2029.

4 **SEC. 5. DISTRICT JUDGES FOR THE DISTRICT COURTS IN**  
5 **2031.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall appoint, by  
7 and with the advice and consent of the Senate—

8 (1) 1 additional district judge for the district of  
9 Arizona;

10 (2) 3 additional district judges for the central  
11 district of California;

12 (3) 1 additional district judge for the eastern  
13 district of California;

14 (4) 2 additional district judges for the northern  
15 district of California;

16 (5) 1 additional district judge for the southern  
17 district of California;

18 (6) 1 additional district judge for the district of  
19 Colorado;

20 (7) 1 additional district judge for the district of  
21 Delaware;

22 (8) 1 additional district judge for the middle  
23 district of Florida;

24 (9) 1 additional district judge for the southern  
25 district of Florida;

1           (10) 1 additional district judge for the northern  
 2           district of Georgia;

3           (11) 1 additional district judge for the district  
 4           of New Jersey;

5           (12) 1 additional district judge for the eastern  
 6           district of New York;

7           (13) 1 additional district judge for the eastern  
 8           district of Texas;

9           (14) 1 additional district judge for the southern  
 10          district of Texas; and

11          (15) 1 additional district judge for the western  
 12          district of Texas.

13          (b) TABLES.—The table contained in section 133 of  
 14          title 28, United States Code, as amended by this Act, is  
 15          further amended to read as follows:

<b>“Districts</b>	<b>Number of Judges</b>
Alabama:	
Northern .....	7
Middle .....	3
Southern .....	3
Alaska .....	3
Arizona .....	15
Arkansas:	
Eastern .....	5
Western .....	3
California:	
Northern .....	20
Eastern .....	10
Central .....	37
Southern .....	15
Colorado .....	9
Connecticut .....	8
Delaware .....	6
District of Columbia .....	15



<b>“Districts</b>	<b>Number of Judges</b>
Florida:	
Northern .....	5
Middle .....	20
Southern .....	21
Georgia:	
Northern .....	13
Middle .....	4
Southern .....	3
Hawaii .....	3
Idaho .....	3
Illinois:	
Northern .....	22
Central .....	4
Southern .....	4
Indiana:	
Northern .....	5
Southern .....	6
Iowa:	
Northern .....	3
Southern .....	3
Kansas .....	5
Kentucky:	
Eastern .....	5
Western .....	4
Eastern and Western .....	1
Louisiana:	
Eastern .....	12
Middle .....	3
Western .....	7
Maine .....	3
Maryland .....	10
Massachusetts .....	13
Michigan:	
Eastern .....	15
Western .....	4
Minnesota .....	7
Mississippi:	
Northern .....	3
Southern .....	6
Missouri:	
Eastern .....	7
Western .....	5
Eastern and Western .....	2
Montana .....	3
Nebraska .....	4
Nevada .....	7
New Hampshire .....	3
New Jersey .....	20
New Mexico .....	7
New York:	
Northern .....	5
Southern .....	30

<b>“Districts</b>	<b>Number of Judges</b>
Eastern .....	17
Western .....	5
North Carolina:	
Eastern .....	4
Middle .....	4
Western .....	5
North Dakota .....	2
Ohio:	
Northern .....	11
Southern .....	8
Oklahoma:	
Northern .....	4
Eastern .....	3
Western .....	6
Northern, Eastern, and Western .....	1
Oregon .....	6
Pennsylvania:	
Eastern .....	22
Middle .....	6
Western .....	10
Puerto Rico .....	7
Rhode Island .....	3
South Carolina .....	10
South Dakota .....	3
Tennessee:	
Eastern .....	5
Middle .....	4
Western .....	5
Texas:	
Northern .....	13
Southern .....	23
Eastern .....	10
Western .....	19
Utah .....	5
Vermont .....	2
Virginia:	
Eastern .....	11
Western .....	4
Washington:	
Eastern .....	4
Western .....	7
West Virginia:	
Northern .....	3
Southern .....	5
Wisconsin:	
Eastern .....	5
Western .....	2
Wyoming .....	3.”

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-  
 2 ments made by this section shall take effect on February  
 3 1, 2031.

4 **SEC. 6. CIRCUIT JUDGES FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT**  
 5 **OF APPEALS.**

6 (a) 2027.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall appoint,  
 8 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,  
 9 one additional circuit judge for the ninth circuit  
 10 court of appeals.

11 (2) TABLES.—The table contained in section 44  
 12 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by strik-  
 13 ing the item relating to the ninth circuit and insert-  
 14 ing the following:

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“Ninth ..... 30”.

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15 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection, and  
 16 the amendments made by this subsection shall take  
 17 effect on February 1, 2027.

18 (b) 2031.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall appoint,  
 20 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,  
 21 one additional circuit judge for the ninth circuit  
 22 court of appeals.

23 (2) TABLES.—The table contained in section 44  
 24 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by strik-

1       ing the item relating to the ninth circuit and insert-  
2       ing the following:

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“Ninth ..... 31”.

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3               (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection, and  
4       the amendments made by this subsection shall take  
5       effect on February 1, 2031.

6 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7       There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
8       as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
9       Act, including such sums as may be necessary to provide  
10      appropriate space and facilities for the judicial positions  
11      created by this Act.

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