

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 45, Page
2 4, Section 487.020, Line 32, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "478.320. 1. In counties having a population of thirty thousand or less, there shall be one
5 associate circuit judge. In counties having a population of more than thirty thousand and less than
6 one hundred thousand, there shall be two associate circuit judges. In counties having a population of
7 one hundred thousand or more, there shall be three associate circuit judges and one additional
8 associate circuit judge for each additional one hundred thousand inhabitants.

9 2. When the office of state courts administrator indicates in an annual judicial weighted
10 workload model for three consecutive years or more the need for four or more full-time judicial
11 positions in any judicial circuit having a population of one hundred thousand or more, there shall be
12 one additional associate circuit judge position in such circuit for every four full-time judicial
13 positions needed as indicated in the weighted workload model. In a multi-county circuit, the
14 additional associate circuit judge positions shall be apportioned among the counties in the circuit on
15 the basis of population, starting with the most populous county, then the next most populous county,
16 and so forth.

17 3. For purposes of this section, notwithstanding the provisions of section 1.100, population
18 of a county shall be determined on the basis of the last previous decennial census of the United
19 States; and, beginning after certification of the year 2000 decennial census, on the basis of annual
20 population estimates prepared by the United States Bureau of the Census, provided that the number
21 of associate circuit judge positions in a county shall be adjusted only after population estimates for
22 three consecutive years indicate population change in the county to a level provided by subsection 1
23 of this section.

24 [3.] 4. Except in circuits where associate circuit judges are selected under the provisions of
25 sections 25(a) to (g) of article V of the constitution, the election of associate circuit judges shall in all
26 respects be conducted as other elections and the returns made as for other officers.

27 [4.] 5. In counties not subject to sections 25(a) to (g) of article V of the constitution, associate
28 circuit judges shall be elected by the county at large.

29 [5.] 6. No associate circuit judge shall practice law, or do a law business, nor shall he or she
30 accept, during his or her term of office, any public appointment for which he or she receives
31 compensation for his services.

32 [6.] 7. No person shall be elected as an associate circuit judge unless he or she has resided in
33 the county for which he or she is to be elected at least one year prior to the date of his or her
34 election; provided that, a person who is appointed by the governor to fill a vacancy may file for
35 election and be elected notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection."; and

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37 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references

Action Taken _____ Date _____

1 accordingly.