

HCS HB 2085 -- CIRCUIT JUDGES

SPONSOR: Austin

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on General Laws by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill specifies that if the circuit court of St. Louis County is awarded additional associate circuit judge positions in 2014 based on the annual judicial weighted workload model, there must be one additional associate circuit judge position and one additional circuit judge position in lieu of the additional associate circuit judge positions awarded under Section 478.320, RSMo.

If the 38th Judicial Circuit is awarded an additional associate circuit judge position in 2014 based on the model, there must be one additional circuit judge position in lieu of the additional associate circuit judge position. The additional circuit judge position must be in addition to the number of circuit judge and associate judge positions in existence in the 38th Judicial Circuit on the effective date of this provision.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this is more efficient and aligns the process with the needs of St. Louis County.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Austin.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.