

SENATE BILL No. 35

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 33-5-29.5-21; IC 33-5-29.5-27.

Synopsis: New superior courts in Lake County. Adds one judge to the civil division and one judge to the criminal division of the Lake superior court.

Effective: July 1, 1998.

Randolph

January 6, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.



Introduced

Second Regular Session 110th General Assembly (1998)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1997 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 33-5-29.5-21 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 21. (a) The court is
3 divided into civil (including probate), criminal, county, and juvenile
4 divisions. The work of the court shall be divided among the divisions by
5 the rules of the court.
6 (b) ~~Five (5)~~ **Six (6)** judges comprise the civil division. ~~Four (4)~~ **Five**
7 **(5)** judges comprise the criminal division. Three (3) judges comprise the
8 county division. One (1) judge comprises the juvenile division. However,
9 the court by rule may alter the number of judges assigned to a division
10 other than the county division of the court if the court determines that the
11 change is necessary for the efficient operation of the court.
12 (c) The court by rule may reassign a judge of the court from one (1)
13 division to another if the court determines that the change is necessary for
14 the efficient operation of the court. The court by rule shall establish a
15 rotation schedule providing for the rotation of judges through the various
16 divisions. The rotation schedule may be used if a judge determines that an
17 emergency exists. However, a senior judge of any division or a judge of

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1 the county division may not be reassigned or rotated to another division
2 under this subsection.

3 (d) The chief judge of the court may assign a judge in one (1) division
4 of the court to hear a case originating in another division of the court, and
5 may reassign cases from one (1) judge to another, if the chief judge
6 determines that the change is necessary for the efficient operation of the
7 court.

8 SECTION 2. IC 33-5-29.5-27 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
9 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 27. The superior court
10 of Lake County shall consist of ~~thirteen (13)~~ **fifteen (15)** judges plus the
11 Lake circuit court judge if the circuit court judge chooses to sit on the
12 superior court of Lake County.

