

FEDERAL JUDGESHIP ACT OF 1990

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TITLE II—FEDERAL JUDGESHIPS

SECTION 201. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Federal Judgeship Act of 1990”.

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SEC. 203. DISTRICT JUDGES FOR THE DISTRICT COURTS.

(a) 【28 U.S.C. 133 note】 IN GENERAL.—The President shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate—

- (1) 1 additional district judge for the western district of Arkansas;
- (2) 2 additional district judges for the northern district of California;
- (3) 5 additional district judges for the central district of California;
- (4) 1 additional district judge for the southern district of California;
- (5) 2 additional district judges for the district of Connecticut;
- (6) 2 additional district judges for the middle district of Florida;
- (7) 1 additional district judge for the northern district of Florida;
- (8) 1 additional district judge for the southern district of Florida;
- (9) 1 additional district judge for the middle district of Georgia;
- (10) 1 additional district judge for the northern district of Illinois;
- (11) 1 additional district judge for the southern district of Iowa;

- (12) 1 additional district judge for the western district of Louisiana;
- (13) 1 additional district judge for the district of Maine;
- (14) 1 additional district judge for the district of Massachusetts;
- (15) 1 additional district judge for the southern district of Mississippi;
- (16) 1 additional district judge for the eastern district of Missouri;
- (17) 1 additional district judge for the district of New Hampshire;
- (18) 3 additional district judges for the district of New Jersey;
- (19) 1 additional district judge for the district of New Mexico;
- (20) 1 additional district judge for the southern district of New York;
- (21) 3 additional district judges for the eastern district of New York;
- (22) 1 additional district judge for the middle district of North Carolina;
- (23) 1 additional district judge for the southern district of Ohio;
- (24) 1 additional district judge for the northern district of Oklahoma;
- (25) 1 additional district judge for the western district of Oklahoma;
- (26) 1 additional district judge for the district of Oregon;
- (27) 3 additional district judges for the eastern district of Pennsylvania;
- (28) 1 additional district judge for the middle district of Pennsylvania;
- (29) 1 additional district judge for the district of South Carolina;
- (30) 1 additional district judge for the eastern district of Tennessee;
- (31) 1 additional district judge for the western district of Tennessee;
- (32) 1 additional district judge for the middle district of Tennessee;
- (33) 2 additional district judges for the northern district of Texas;
- (34) 1 additional district judge for the eastern district of Texas;
- (35) 5 additional district judges for the southern district of Texas;
- (36) 3 additional district judges for the western district of Texas;
- (37) 1 additional district judge for the district of Utah;
- (38) 1 additional district judge for the eastern district of Washington;
- (39) 1 additional district judge for the northern district of West Virginia;

(40) 1 additional district judge for the southern district of West Virginia; and

(41) 1 additional district judge for the district of Wyoming.

(b) **[28 U.S.C. 133 note] EXISTING JUDGESHIPS.**—(1) The existing district judgeships for the western district of Arkansas, the northern district of Illinois, the northern district of Indiana, the district of Massachusetts, the western district of New York, the eastern district of North Carolina, the northern district of Ohio, and the western district of Washington authorized by section 202(b) of the Bankruptcy Amendments and Federal Judgeship Act of 1984 (Public Law 98–353, 98 Stat. 347–348) shall, as of the effective date of this title, be authorized under section 133 of title 28, United States Code, and the incumbents in those offices shall hold the office under section 133 of title 28, United States Code, as amended by this title.

(2)(A) The existing 2 district judgeships for the eastern and western districts of Arkansas (provided by section 133 of title 28, United States Code, as in effect on the day before the effective date of this title) shall be district judgeships for the eastern district of Arkansas only, and the incumbents of such judgeships shall hold the offices under section 133 of title 28, United States Code, as amended by this title.

(B) The existing district judgeship for the northern and southern districts of Iowa (provided by section 133 of title 28, United States Code, as in effect on the day before the effective date of this title) shall be a district judgeship for the northern district of Iowa only, and the incumbent of such judgeship shall hold the office under section 133 of title 28, United States Code, as amended by this title.

(C) The existing district judgeship for the northern, eastern, and western districts of Oklahoma (provided by section 133 of title 28, United States Code, as in effect on the day before the effective date of this title) and the occupant of which has his or her official duty station at Oklahoma City on the date of the enactment of this title, shall be a district judgeship for the western district of Oklahoma only, and the incumbent of such judgeship shall hold the office under section 133 of title 28, United States Code, as amended by this title.

(c) **[28 U.S.C. 133 note] TEMPORARY JUDGESHIPS.**—The President shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate—

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

(2) 1 additional district judge for the district of Hawaii;

(3) 1 additional district judge for the central district of Illinois;

(4) 1 additional district judge for the southern district of Illinois;

(5) 1 additional district judge for the district of Kansas;

(6) 1 additional district judge for the western district of Michigan;

(7) 1 additional district judge for the eastern district of Missouri;

(8) 1 additional district judge for the district of Nebraska;

(9) 1 additional district judge for the northern district of New York;

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

(11) 1 additional district judge for the eastern district of Pennsylvania; and

(12) 1 additional district judge for the eastern district of Virginia.

Except with respect to the district of Kansas, the western district of Michigan, the eastern district of Pennsylvania, the district of Hawaii, and the northern district of Ohio, the first vacancy in the office of district judge in each of the judicial districts named in this subsection, occurring 10 years or more after the confirmation date of the judge named to fill the temporary judgeship created by this subsection, shall not be filled. The first vacancy in the office of district judge in the district of Kansas occurring 33 years and 6 months or more after the confirmation date of the judge named to fill the temporary judgeship created for such district under this subsection, shall not be filled. The first vacancy in the office of district judge in the western district of Michigan, occurring after December 1, 1995, shall not be filled. The first vacancy in the office of district judge in the eastern district of Pennsylvania, occurring 5 years or more after the confirmation date of the judge named to fill the temporary judgeship created for such district under this subsection, shall not be filled. The first vacancy in the office of district judge in the northern district of Ohio occurring 19 years or more after the confirmation date of the judge named to fill the temporary judgeship created under this subsection shall not be filled. The first vacancy in the office of the district judge in the district of Hawaii occurring 30 years and 6 months or more after the confirmation date of the judge named to fill the temporary judgeship created under this subsection shall not be filled. For districts named in this subsection for which multiple judgeships are created by this Act, the last of those judgeships filled shall be the judgeships created under this section.

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