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To provide for the conversion of existing temporary United States district judgeships to permanent status, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HYDE (for himself and Mr. CONYERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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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. ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIP FOR NORTHERN DIS-**
4 **TRICT OF ALABAMA.**

5 The President shall appoint, by and with the advice
6 and consent of the Senate, one additional district judge
7 for the Northern District of Alabama.

1 **SEC. 2. CONVERSION OF TEMPORARY JUDGEShips TO PER-**
2 **MANENT JUDGEShips.**

3 The existing district judgeships for the eastern dis-
4 trict of California, the southern district of Illinois, the
5 northern district of New York, and the eastern district of
6 Virginia authorized by section 203(c) of the Judicial Im-
7 provements Act of 1990 (Public Law 101–650, 28 U.S.C.
8 133 note) shall, as of the date of the enactment of this
9 Act, be authorized under section 133 of title 28, United
10 States Code, and the incumbents in those offices shall hold
11 the office under section 133 of title 28, United States
12 Code, as amended by this Act.

13 **SEC. 3. COMMENCEMENT DATE OF TEMPORARY JUDGE-**
14 **SHIPS.**

15 Section 203(c) of the Judicial Improvements Act of
16 1990 (Public Law 101–650, 28 U.S.C. 133 note) is
17 amended by striking the last three sentences and inserting
18 the following: “In the western district of Michigan, the
19 first vacancy in the office of district judge occurring after
20 December 1, 1995, shall not be filled. In the eastern dis-
21 trict of Pennsylvania, the first vacancy in the office of dis-
22 trict judge occurring five years or more after the confirma-
23 tion date of the judge named to fill the temporary judge-
24 ship created by this subsection shall not be filled. In the

1 district of Hawaii, the central district of Illinois, the dis-
 2 trict of Kansas, the eastern district of Missouri, the north-
 3 ern district of Ohio, and the district of Nebraska, the first
 4 vacancy in the office of district judge occurring 10 years
 5 or more after the confirmation date of a judge named to
 6 fill a temporary judgeship created by this subsection shall
 7 not be filled. For districts named in this subsection for
 8 which multiple judgeships are created by this Act, the last
 9 of those judgeships filled shall be the judgeship created
 10 under this subsection.”.

11 **SEC. 4. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

12 The table contained in section 133 of title 28, United
 13 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“Districts	Judges
Alabama:	
Northern	8
Middle	3
Southern	3
Alaska	3
Arizona	8
Arkansas:	
Eastern	5
Western	3
California:	
Northern	14
Eastern	7
Central	27
Southern	8
Colorado	7
Connecticut	8
Delaware	4
District of Columbia	15
Florida:	
Northern	4
Middle	11
Southern	16
Georgia:	
Northern	11
Middle	4
Southern	3

Hawaii	3
Idaho	2
Illinois:	
Northern	22
Central	3
Southern	4
Indiana:	
Northern	5
Southern	5
Iowa:	
Northern	2
Southern	3
Kansas	5
Kentucky:	
Eastern	4
Western	4
Eastern and Western	1
Louisiana:	
Eastern	13
Middle	2
Western	7
Maine	3
Maryland	10
Massachusetts	13
Michigan:	
Eastern	15
Western	4
Minnesota	7
Mississippi:	
Northern	3
Southern	6
Missouri:	
Eastern	6
Western	5
Eastern and Western	2
Montana	3
Nebraska	3
Nevada	4
New Hampshire	3
New Jersey	17
New Mexico	5
New York:	
Northern	5
Southern	28
Eastern	15
Western	4
North Carolina:	
Eastern	4
Middle	4
Western	3
North Dakota	2
Ohio:	
Northern	11
Southern	8

Oklahoma:	
Northern	3
Eastern	1
Western	6
Northern, Eastern, and Western	1
Oregon	6
Pennsylvania:	
Eastern	22
Middle	6
Western	10
Puerto Rico	7
Rhode Island	3
South Carolina	9
South Dakota	3
Tennessee:	
Eastern	5
Middle	4
Western	5
Texas:	
Northern	12
Southern	18
Eastern	7
Western	10
Utah	5
Vermont	2
Virginia:	
Eastern	10
Western	4
Washington:	
Eastern	4
Western	7
West Virginia:	
Northern	3
Southern	5
Wisconsin:	
Eastern	4
Western	2
Wyoming	3”.

