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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

February 28, 1997

Mr. Akaka (for himself and Mr. Inouye) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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. STATE RESIDENCY OF JUDGES OF FEDERAL
- 4 COURTS OF APPEALS.
- 5 (a) In General.—Section 44(c) of title 28, United
- 6 States Code, is amended—
- 7 (1) by inserting "(1)" after "(c)"; and

- 1 (2) by adding at the end thereof the following 2 new paragraph:
- 3 "(2) In each circuit (other than the Federal judicial
- 4 circuit) there shall be at least one circuit judge in regular
- 5 active service appointed from the residents of each State
- 6 in that circuit.".
- 7 (b) APPOINTMENTS.—As vacancies occur and judge-
- 8 ships are created for Federal circuit judges, the President
- 9 shall make appointments under section 44(a) of title 28,
- 10 United States Code, in a manner to meet the requirements
- 11 of subsection (c)(2) of such section (as added by sub-
- 12 section (a) of this section) at the earliest practical date.

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