108TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

S. 920

To provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit and district judges, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 11, 2003

Mr. Hatch introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit and district judges, and for other purposes.

- 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. SHORT TITLE.**
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Federal Judgeship Act
- 5 of 2003".
- 6 SEC. 2. CIRCUIT JUDGES FOR THE CIRCUIT COURTS OF AP-
- 7 PEALS.
- 8 (a) In General.—The President shall appoint, by
- 9 and with the advice and consent of the Senate—

1	(1) 1 additional circuit judge for the first cir-
2	cuit court of appeals;
3	(2) 2 additional circuit judges for the second
4	circuit court of appeals;
5	(3) 1 additional circuit judge for the sixth cir-
6	cuit court of appeals; and
7	(4) 5 additional circuit judges for the ninth cir-
8	cuit court of appeals.
9	(b) Temporary Judgeships.—The President shall
10	appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate
11	2 additional circuit judges for the ninth circuit court of
12	appeals. The first 2 vacancies arising on the court 10
13	years or more after judges are first confirmed to fill both
14	temporary circuit judgeships created by this subsection
15	shall not be filled.
16	(c) Tables.—In order that the table contained in
17	section 44 of title 28, United States Code, will, with re-
18	spect to each judicial circuit, reflect the changes in the
19	total number of permanent circuit judgeships authorized
20	as a result of subsection (a) of this section, such table
21	is amended to read as follows:
	"Circuits Number of Judges District of Columbia
	Second

Circuits Number	or Juages
District of Columbia	$1\overline{2}$
First	7
Second	15
Third	14
Fourth	15
Fifth	17
Sixth	17
Seventh	11

	Circuits Number of Judges Eighth 11 Ninth 33 Tenth 12 Eleventh 12 Federal 12."
1	SEC. 3. DISTRICT JUDGES FOR THE DISTRICT COURTS.
2	(a) In General.—The President shall appoint, by
3	and with the advice and consent of the Senate—
4	(1) 1 additional district judge for the northern
5	district of Alabama;
6	(2) 1 additional district judge for the middle
7	district of Alabama;
8	(3) 3 additional district judges for the district
9	of Arizona;
10	(4) 1 additional district judge for the central
11	district of California;
12	(5) 3 additional district judges for the eastern
13	district of California;
14	(6) 1 additional district judge for the northern
15	district of California;
16	(7) 2 additional district judges for the southern
17	district of California;
18	(8) 2 additional district judges for the middle
19	district of Florida;
20	(9) 4 additional district judges for the southern
21	district of Florida;

1	(10) 1 additional district judge for the western
2	district of Missouri;
3	(11) 2 additional district judges for the district
4	of New Mexico;
5	(12) 3 additional district judges for the eastern
6	district of New York;
7	(13) 1 additional district judge for the district
8	of Oregon;
9	(14) 1 additional district judge for the district
10	of South Carolina;
11	(15) 2 additional district judges for the eastern
12	district of Virginia; and
13	(16) 1 additional district judge for the western
14	district of Washington.
15	(b) Temporary Judgeships.—The President shall
16	appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Sen-
17	ate—
18	(1) 2 additional district judges for the central
19	district of California;
20	(2) 1 additional district judge for the northern
21	district of California;
22	(3) 3 additional district judges for the southern
23	district of California;
24	(4) 1 additional district judge for the district of
25	Colorado;

1	(5) 1 additional district judge for the middle
2	district of Florida;
3	(6) 1 additional district judge for the district of
4	Idaho;
5	(7) 1 additional district judge for the northern
6	district of Illinois;
7	(8) 1 additional district judge for the northern
8	district of Indiana;
9	(9) 1 additional district judge for the southern
10	district of Indiana;
11	(10) 1 additional district judge for the northern
12	district of Iowa;
13	(11) 1 additional district judge for the district
14	of New Mexico;
15	(12) 1 additional district judge for the eastern
16	district of New York;
17	(13) 1 additional district judge for the western
18	district of New York; and
19	(14) 1 additional district judge for the district
20	of Utah.
21	For the central district of California, the first 2 vacancies
22	arising on the district court 10 years or more after judges
23	are first confirmed to fill both temporary district judge-
24	ships created in that district by this subsection shall not
25	be filled. For the southern district of California, the first

- 1 3 vacancies arising on the district court 10 years or more
- 2 after judges are first confirmed to fill all 3 temporary dis-
- 3 trict judgeships created in that district by this subsection
- 4 shall not be filled. For each of the other judicial districts
- 5 named in this subsection, the first vacancy arising on the
- 6 district court 10 years or more after a judge is first con-
- 7 firmed to fill the temporary district judgeship created in
- 8 that district by this subsection shall not be filled.
- 9 (c) Existing Judgeships.—The existing judgeships
- 10 for the eastern district of California, the district of Ha-
- 11 waii, the district of Kansas, the eastern district of Mis-
- 12 souri, and the district of Nebraska authorized by section
- 13 203(c) of the Judicial Improvements Act of 1990 (Public
- 14 Law 101-650; 104 Stat. 5089) as amended by Public Law
- 15 105–53, as of the effective date of this Act, shall be au-
- 16 thorized under section 133 of title 28, United States Code,
- 17 and the incumbents in those offices shall hold the office
- 18 under section 133 of title 28, United States Code, as
- 19 amended by this Act.
- 20 (d) Tables.—In order that the table contained in
- 21 section 133 of title 28, United States Code, will, with re-
- 22 spect to each judicial district, reflect the changes in the
- 23 total number of permanent district judgeships authorized
- 24 as a result of subsections (a) and (c) of this section, such
- 25 table is amended to read as follows:

"Districts	Number of Jud
Alabama:	
Northern	
Middle	
Southern	
Alaska	
Arizona	
Arkansas:	
Eastern	
Western	
California:	
Northern	
Eastern	
Central	
Southern	
Colorado	
Connecticut	
Delaware	
District of Columbia	
Florida:	
riorida: Northern	
Middle	
Southern	
Georgia:	_
Northern	
Middle	
Southern	
Hawaii	
Idaho	
Illinois:	
Northern	4
Central	
Southern	
Indiana:	
Northern	
Southern	
Iowa:	
Northern	
Southern	
Kansas	
Kentucky:	
Eastern	
Western	
Eastern and Western	
Louisiana:	
Eastern	
Middle	
Western	
Maine	
Maryland	
Massachusetts	
Michigan:	
Eastern	
Western	
Minnesota	

	Eastern
	West Virginia:
	Northern 3 Southern 5
	Wisconsin:
	Eastern
	Western 2 Wyoming 3."
1	SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF ARTICLE III COURTS IN THE
2	NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS AND THE VIR-
3	GIN ISLANDS.
4	(a) Establishment of Judicial Districts.—
5	(1) Northern Mariana Islands.—Chapter 5
6	of title 28, United States Code, is amended by in-
7	serting after section 114 the following:
8	"§ 114A. Northern Mariana Islands
9	"The Northern Mariana Islands constitute 1 judicial
10	district.
11	"Court shall be held at Saipan.".
12	(2) Virgin islands.—Chapter 5 of title 28,
13	United States Code, is further amended by inserting
14	after section 126 the following:
15	"§ 126A. Virgin Islands
16	"The Virgin Islands constitute 1 judicial district com-
17	prising 2 divisions.
18	"(1) The Saint Croix Division comprises the Is-
19	land of Saint Croix and adjacent islands and cays.
20	"Court for the Saint Croix Division shall be
21	held at Christiansted.

1	"(2) The Saint Thomas and Saint John Divi-
2	sion comprises the Islands of Saint Thomas and
3	Saint John and adjacent islands and cays.
4	"Court for the Saint Thomas and Saint John
5	Division shall be held at Charlotte-Amalie.".
6	(3) Technical and conforming amend-
7	MENTS.—The table of contents for chapter 5 of title
8	28, United States Code, is amended—
9	(A) by inserting after the item relating to
10	section 114 the following:
	"114A. Northern Mariana Islands.";
11	and
12	(B) by inserting after the item relating to
13	section 126 the following:
	"126A. Virgin Islands.".
14	(b) Composition of Ninth Circuit.—Section 41
15	of title 28, United States Code, is amended in the matter
16	relating to the Ninth Circuit by inserting ", Northern
17	Mariana Islands'' after "Hawaii".
18	(c) Number of Judges.—Section 133(a) of title 28,
19	United States Code, is amended—
20	(1) by inserting after the item relating to North
21	Dakota the following:
	"Northern Mariana Islands
22	and

1	(2) by inserting after the item relating to
2	Vermont the following:
	"Virgin Islands
3	(d) Bankruptcy Judges.—Section 152(a)(2) of
4	title 28, United States Code, is amended—
5	(1) by inserting after the item relating to North
6	Dakota the following:
	"Northern Mariana Islands
7	and
8	(2) by inserting after the item relating to
9	Vermont the following:
	"Virgin Islands
10	(e) Assignment of Judges.—
11	(1) In general.—Chapter 13 of title 28,
12	United States Code, is amended by adding after sec-
13	tion 297 the following:
14	"§ 298. Assignment to the United States District
15	Court for the District of the Northern
16	Mariana Islands
17	"In addition to the judges authorized to be des-
18	ignated by sections 291 and 292, the chief judge of the
19	United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit may
20	assign judges of courts of record of the Northern Mariana
21	Islands or Guam, including a judge of the District Court
22	of Guam who is appointed by the President or a recalled
23	senior judge of the District Court of Guam, to serve tem-

- 1 porarily as a judge in the United States District Court
- 2 for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands whenever
- 3 such an assignment is necessary for the proper dispatch
- 4 of the business of the court. The judges assigned under
- 5 this section shall have the powers of a magistrate judge.".
- 6 (2) Technical and conforming amend-
- 7 MENT.—The table of sections for chapter 13 of title
- 8 28, United States Code, is amended by adding after
- 9 the item relating to section 297 the following:

"298. Assignment to the United States District Court for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands.".

- 10 (f) Judicial Conferences of Circuits.—Section
- 11 333 of title 28, United States Code, is amended in the
- 12 third sentence of the first undesignated paragraph by
- 13 striking ", the District Court of the Virgin Islands, and
- 14 the District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands may
- 15 also be summoned biennially, and may be summoned an-
- 16 nually, to the conferences of their respective circuits" and
- 17 inserting "may also be summoned biennially, and may be
- 18 summoned annually, to the conference of the ninth cir-
- 19 cuit".
- 20 (g) Judges in Territories and Possessions.—
- 21 Section 373 of title 28, United States Code, is amended—
- 22 (1) in subsection (a), by striking ", the District
- Court of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Dis-
- 24 trict Court of the Virgin Islands"; and

1	(2) in subsection (e), by striking ", the District
2	Court of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Dis-
3	trict Court of the Virgin Islands".
4	(h) Annuities for Survivors of Certain Judi-
5	CIAL OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED STATES.—Section
6	376(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended—
7	(1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking ", the Dis-
8	trict Court of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the
9	District Court of the Virgin Islands"; and
10	(2) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking ", the Dis-
11	trict Court of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the
12	District Court of the Virgin Islands,".
13	(i) Authority of Attorney General.—Section
14	526(a)(2) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by
15	striking "and of the district court of the Virgin Islands".
16	(j) Courts Defined.—Section 610 of title 28,
17	United States Code, is amended—
18	(1) by striking "the United States District
19	Court for the District of the Canal Zone,"; and
20	(2) by striking "the District Court of the Virgin
21	Islands,".
22	(k) United States Magistrate Judges.—Section
23	631 of title 28, United States Code, is amended—
24	(1) in subsection (a)—

1	(A) in the first sentence by striking "the
2	Virgin Islands, Guam," and inserting "Guam";
3	and
4	(B) by striking the second sentence; and
5	(2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting "the Com-
6	monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands," after
7	"Puerto Rico,".
8	(l) Court Reporters.—Section 753(a) of title 28,
9	United States Code, is amended by striking ", the United
10	States District Court for the District of the Canal Zone,
11	the District Court of Guam, and the District Court of the
12	Virgin Islands" and inserting "and the District Court of
13	Guam".
14	(m) Final Decisions of District Courts.—Sec-
15	tion 1291 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by
16	striking ", the United States District Court for the Dis-
17	trict of the Canal Zone, the District Court of Guam, and
18	the District Court of the Virgin Islands," and inserting
19	"and the District Court of Guam,".
20	(n) Interlocutory Decisions.—Section 1292 of
21	title 28, United States Code, is amended—
22	(1) in subsection (a), by striking ", the United
23	States District Court for the District of the Canal
24	Zone, the District Court of Guam, and the District

- 1 Court of the Virgin Islands," and inserting "and the
- 2 District Court of Guam,"; and
- 3 (2) in subsection (d)(4)(A), by striking ", the
- 4 District Court of Guam, the District Court of the
- 5 Virgin Islands, or the District Court for the North-
- 6 ern Mariana Islands," and inserting "or the District
- 7 Court of Guam,".
- 8 (o) Jurisdiction of the United States Court
- 9 OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT.—Section
- 10 1295(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended in
- 11 paragraphs (1) and (2), by striking ", the United States
- 12 District Court for the District of the Canal Zone, the Dis-
- 13 trict Court of Guam, or the District Court for the North-
- 14 ern Mariana Islands" and inserting "or the District Court
- 15 of Guam".
- 16 (p) DIVERSITY JURISDICTION.—Section 1332(d) of
- 17 title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking "and
- 18 the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico" and inserting "the
- 19 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Commonwealth of
- 20 the Northern Mariana Islands".
- 21 (q) United States as Defendant.—Section
- 22 1346(b) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by
- 23 striking ", together with the United States District Court
- 24 for the District of the Canal Zone and the District Court
- 25 of the Virgin Islands,".

- 1 (r) ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION OF DEFEND-
- 2 ANTS.—Section 3006A(j) of title 18, United States Code,
- 3 is amended by striking ", the District Court of the Virgin
- 4 Islands, the District Court for the Northern Mariana Is-
- 5 lands,".

6 (s) Savings Provisions.—

- (1) Tenure of incumbent judges.—A judge of the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands or of the District Court of the Virgin Islands in office on the effective date of this section shall continue in office until the expiration of the term for which the judge was appointed, or until the judge dies, resigns, or is removed from office, whichever occurs first. When a vacancy occurs on the court on or after the effective date of this section, the President, in accordance with sections 133(a) and 134(a) of title 28, United States Code, shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a judge who shall hold office during good behavior.
 - (2) Retirement rights and benefits.—The amendments made by this section shall not affect the rights under sections 373 and 376 of title 28, United States Code, of any judge of the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands or the District Court of the Virgin Islands who retires on or

1	before the effective date of this section or who con-
2	tinues in office after that date under paragraph (1)
3	of this subsection. Service as a judge of the District
4	Court for the Northern Mariana Islands appointed
5	under the first section of the Act of November 8,
6	1977 (Public Law 95–157, 91 Stat. 1265; 48 U.S.C.
7	1821) or judge of the District Court of the Virgin
8	Islands appointed under section 24 of the Revised
9	Organic Act of the Virgin Islands (48 U.S.C. 1614)
10	shall be included in calculating service under sec-
11	tions 371 and 372 of title 28, United States Code,
12	and shall not be counted for purposes of section 373
13	of that title, if the judge is reappointed to hold office
14	during good behavior after the effective date of this
15	section.
16	(t) Amendments To Act To Create the Dis-
17	TRICT COURT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.—
18	(1) In General.—The Act of November 8,
19	1977 (Public Law 95–157; 91 Stat. 1265) is amend-
20	ed —
21	(A) in section 4(a) (48 U.S.C. 1824(a))—
22	(i) by striking "(a)";
23	(ii) by striking ", except as otherwise
24	provided in article IV of the covenant':

1	(iii) by striking all beginning with ",
2	unless those cases are reviewable in the
3	District Court for the Northern Mariana
4	Islands" through the period and inserting
5	a period; and
6	(iv) by striking subsection (b); and
7	(B) by striking—
8	(i) the first section (48 U.S.C. 1821);
9	(ii) section 2 (48 U.S.C. 1822);
10	(iii) section 3 (48 U.S.C. 1823);
11	(iv) section 5 (48 U.S.C. 1825); and
12	(v) section 6 (48 U.S.C. 1826).
13	(2) Superseding provisions.—To the extent
14	that the amendments made by this subsection are
15	inconsistent with article IV of the Covenant to Es-
16	tablish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
17	Islands in Political Union with the United States of
18	America (48 U.S.C. 1801 note), article IV is super-
19	seded.
20	(u) Amendments to Revised Organic Act of
21	THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.—
22	(1) Repeals.—Sections 24, 25, 26, and 27 of
23	the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands (48
24	U.S.C. 1614, 1615, 1616, and 1617) are repealed.

1	(2) Rights and prohibitions.—Section 3 of
2	the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands (48
3	U.S.C. 1561) is amended in the 23d undesignated
4	paragraph—
5	(A) by inserting "article III;" after "sec-
6	tion 9, clauses 2 and 3;"; and
7	(B) by striking "That all offenses against
8	the laws of the United States and the laws of
9	the Virgin Islands which are prosecuted in the
10	district court pursuant to sections 1612(a) and
11	(c) of this title may be had by indictment by
12	grand jury or by information, and that all of-
13	fenses against the laws of the Virgin Islands
14	which are prosecuted in the district court pur-
15	suant to section 1612(b) of this title or" and
16	inserting "That all offenses against the laws of
17	the Virgin Islands which are prosecuted".
18	(3) Jurisdiction.—Section 21 of the Revised
19	Organic Act of the Virgin Islands (48 U.S.C. 1611)
20	is amended to read as follows:
21	"SEC. 21. JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE VIRGIN
22	ISLANDS.
23	"(a) Jurisdiction of the Courts of the Virgin
24	ISLANDS.—The judicial power of the Virgin Islands shall
25	be vested in such trial and appellate courts as may have

- 1 been or may hereafter be established by local law. The
- 2 local courts of the Virgin Islands shall have jurisdiction
- 3 over all causes of action in the Virgin Islands over which
- 4 any court established by the Constitution and laws of the
- 5 United States does not have exclusive jurisdiction.
- 6 "(b) Practice and Procedure.—The rules gov-
- 7 erning the practice and procedure of the courts established
- 8 by local law and those prescribing the qualifications and
- 9 duties of the judges and officers thereof, oaths and bonds,
- 10 and the times and places of holding court shall be gov-
- 11 erned by local law or the rules promulgated by those
- 12 courts.".
- 13 (4) Income tax matters.—Section 22 of the
- Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands (48
- U.S.C. 1612) is amended to read as follows:

16 "SEC. 22. JURISDICTION OVER INCOME TAX MATTERS.

- 17 "The United States District Court for the District
- 18 of the Virgin Islands shall have exclusive jurisdiction over
- 19 all criminal and civil proceedings in the Virgin Islands
- 20 with respect to the income tax laws applicable to the Vir-
- 21 gin Islands, except the ancillary laws relating to the in-
- 22 come tax enacted by the legislature of the Virgin Islands.
- 23 Any act or failure to act with respect to the income tax
- 24 laws applicable to the Virgin Islands which would con-
- 25 stitute a criminal offense described in chapter 75 of sub-

- 1 title F of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall con-
- 2 stitute an offense against the Government of the Virgin
- 3 Islands and may be prosecuted in the name of the Govern-
- 4 ment of the Virgin Islands by the appropriate officers
- 5 thereof in the United States District Court for the District
- 6 of the Virgin Islands without the request or consent of
- 7 the United States Attorney for the Virgin Islands.".
- 8 (5) Appellate jurisdiction.—Section 23A of
- 9 the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands (48
- 10 U.S.C. 1613a(b)) is amended—
- 11 (A) by striking "District Court of the Vir-
- gin Islands" each place it appears and inserting
- "United States District Court for the District
- of the Virgin Islands"; and
- (B) in subsection (b), by striking "pursu-
- ant to section 24(a) of this Act: *Provided*, That
- no more than one of them may be a judge of
- a court established by local law." and inserting
- 19 "pursuant to chapter 13 of title 28, United
- States Code, or a recalled senior judge of the
- former District Court of the Virgin Islands.
- The chief judge of the United States Court of
- Appeals for the Third Circuit may assign to the
- appellate division a judge of a court of record
- of the Virgin Islands, except that no more than

- 1 of the judges sitting in the appellate division
- 2 at any session may be a judge of a court estab-
- 3 lished by local law.".
- 4 (v) Additional References.—Any reference in
- 5 any provision of law to the "District Court for the North-
- 6 ern Mariana Islands" shall, on and after the effective date
- 7 of this section, be deemed to be a reference to the United
- 8 States District Court for the District of the Northern
- 9 Mariana Islands. Any reference in any provision of law
- 10 to the "District Court of the Virgin Islands" shall, on and
- 11 after the effective date of this section, be deemed to be
- 12 a reference to the United States District Court for the
- 13 District of the Virgin Islands.
- (w) Effective Date.—This section and the amend-
- 15 ments made by this section shall take effect at the end
- 16 of the 90-day period beginning on the date of enactment.
- 17 Any complaint or proceeding pending in the District Court
- 18 of the Virgin Islands on the effective date of this section
- 19 may be pursued to final determination in the United
- 20 States District Court for the District of the Virgin Is-
- 21 lands, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third
- 22 Circuit, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fed-
- 23 eral Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States.
- 24 Any complaint or proceeding pending in the District Court
- 25 for the Northern Mariana Islands on the effective date of

- 1 this section may be pursued to final determination in the
- 2 United States District Court for the District of the North-
- 3 ern Mariana Islands, the United States Court of Appeals
- 4 for the Ninth Circuit, the United States Court of Appeals
- 5 for the Federal Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the
- 6 United States.

7 SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

- 8 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
- 9 as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this
- 10 Act, including such sums as may be necessary to provide
- 11 appropriate space and facilities for the judicial positions
- 12 created by this Act.

13 SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

- Except as provided in section 4(w), this Act shall take
- 15 effect on the date of enactment.

 \bigcirc