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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the composition of judicial election
2 districts.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 Section 1. Section six hundred two point eighteen (602.18),
2 unnumbered paragraph fourteen (14), Code 1975, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 Election district 5A shall consist of the county of Polk.
5 Election district 5B shall consist of the counties of Guthrie,
6 Dallas, ~~Polk~~, Jasper, Madison, Warren, and Marion. Election
7 district ~~5B~~ 5C shall consist of the counties of Adair, Adams,
8 Union, Clarke, Lucas, Taylor, Ringgold, Decatur, and Wayne.

9 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. The terms of office of all judicial
10 nominating commissioners in election districts 5A and 5B who
11 are in office on December 31, 1975, shall terminate on that
12 date.

13 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. In judicial election districts 5A,
14 5B, and 5C, the governor shall in January, 1976, appoint five
15 electors of each such district to its judicial nominating
16 commission for terms commencing February 1, 1976. In each
17 such district, two commissioners shall serve until January
18 31, 1977, two shall serve until January 31, 1979, and one
19 shall serve until January 31, 1981. In the month of January
20 when each of those terms expires and every six years thereafter
21 the governor shall appoint district judicial nominating
22 commissioners for six-year terms.

23 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. In judicial election districts 5A,
24 5B, and 5C, the resident members of the bar shall elect five
25 electors of such district to its judicial nominating commission
26 for terms commencing February 1, 1976. In each such district,
27 one of the commissioners shall serve until January 31, 1977,
28 two shall serve until January 31, 1979, and two shall serve
29 until January 31, 1981, as determined by lot by such
30 commissioners. In the month of January when each of those
31 terms expires and every six years thereafter such members
32 of the bar of each such district shall elect district
33 nominating commissioners for six-year terms.

34 Sec. 5. Sections one (1), three (3) and four (4) of this
35 Act shall take effect on January 1, 1976.

EXPLANATION

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2 This bill would place Polk County in a separate judicial
3 election district, designated 5A, would place Jasper, Marion,
4 Warren, Madison, Dallas and Guthrie counties in a judicial
5 election district designated 5B, and would redesignate existing
6 judicial election district 5B as 5C. In other words, District
7 5 would be composed of three election districts instead of
8 two. Under the formula, and based upon statistics issued
9 by the court administrator February 13, 1975, 5A would be
10 entitled to eleven judges, 5B would be entitled to five judges,
11 and 5C would be entitled to two judges. This bill does not
12 in any way change the district-wide administration and rotation
13 of judges in the whole of District 5. It does not change
14 the number of judges who would serve the district, based upon
15 the present formula and February 13, 1975 statistics.

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