

Senate Study Bill 3145

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1 1 Section 1. Section [602.6107](#), Code 2001, is amended by
1 2 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
1 3 following:
1 4 602.6107 REORGANIZATION OF JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.
1 5 1. The supreme court may from time to time review the
1 6 division of the state into judicial districts in order to
1 7 determine whether the composition of the judicial districts is
1 8 the most efficient and effective administration of the
1 9 district court and the judicial branch.
1 10 2. If the supreme court determines that the administration
1 11 of the district court and the judicial branch would be made
1 12 more efficient and effective by reorganizing the judicial
1 13 districts, the supreme court shall develop and submit to the
1 14 general assembly by January 15 a plan which reorganizes the
1 15 judicial districts. The plan shall take effect, by order of
1 16 the supreme court, on July 1 following submission of the plan,
1 17 unless the general assembly enacts legislation, which is
1 18 approved by the governor, reorganizing the judicial districts.
1 19 3. The composition of the judicial districts in section
1 20 [602.6107](#), Code 2001, and judicial election districts in
1 21 section [602.6109](#), Code 2001, shall remain in effect until the
1 22 division of the state into judicial districts and judicial
1 23 election districts is modified pursuant to this section.
1 24 Sec. 2. Section [602.6109](#), Code 2001, is amended by
1 25 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
1 26 following:
1 27 602.6109 JUDICIAL ELECTION DISTRICTS AND JUDGESHIPS.
1 28 1. The reorganized judicial districts established pursuant
1 29 to section 602.6107 shall serve as judicial election districts
1 30 for purposes of nomination, appointment, and retention of
1 31 judges of the district court.
1 32 2. If the judicial districts are reorganized under section
1 33 602.6107, the state court administrator shall reapportion the
1 34 number of judgeships to which each judicial election district
1 35 is entitled. The reapportionment shall be determined
2 1 according to section 602.6201, subsection 3.
2 2 EXPLANATION
2 3 This bill relates to reorganizing judicial districts and
2 4 judicial election districts.
2 5 The bill provides that the supreme court may from time to
2 6 time review the division of the state into judicial districts
2 7 in order to determine whether the current composition of the
2 8 judicial districts is the most efficient and effective
2 9 administration of the district court and the judicial branch.
2 10 The bill provides that the supreme court shall submit a plan
2 11 reorganizing the judicial districts to the general assembly by
2 12 January 15 of any year the court desires to reorganize the
2 13 districts. The plan contained in the bill shall take effect,
2 14 as ordered by the supreme court, on July 1 following
2 15 submission of the plan, unless the general assembly enacts
2 16 legislation, which is approved by the governor, reorganizing
2 17 the judicial districts.
2 18 The bill provides that the current composition of the
2 19 judicial districts in Code section 602.6107 and judicial
2 20 election districts in Code section 602.6109 shall remain in
2 21 effect until the composition of the judicial districts and

2 22 judicial election districts is modified using the procedure
2 23 outlined in this bill.
2 24 The bill provides that each reorganized judicial district
2 25 shall be comprised of one judicial election district. Under
2 26 current law some judicial districts are comprised of more than
2 27 one judicial election district.
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