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2003

Arkansas

S.B. 874

Signed by governor 4/22/03, Act 1727

http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/ftproot/acts/2003/public/act1727.pdf

Establishes judicial districts and the number of judges for district courts.

Connecticut

H.B. 5355

Signed by governor 6/26/03, Public Act 03-170

http://www.cga.state.ct.us/2003/act/Pa/2003PA-00170-R00HB-05355-PA.htm

Concerns the membership of the judicial selection commission and conforms certain statutory provisions to the reduction in the number of congressional districts.

Illinois

S.B. 75

Signed by governor 8/18/03, Public Act 93-0541

http://www.legis.state.il.us/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=093-0541

Amends the Election Code, the Circuit Courts Act, the Judicial Vacancies Act, and the Associate Judges Act. Divides the 19th judicial circuit into the 19th (Lake County) and 22nd (McHenry County) judicial subcircuits, effective December 4, 2006. Requires that by February 1, 2004, the General Assembly must divide the 19th, 22nd, and 12th (Will County) judicial circuits into subcircuits. In the 12th judicial circuit, adds one resident judgeship and converts two associate judgeships to provide enough resident judgeships. Provides that the Supreme Court shall fill the 12th circuit's additional resident judgeship by appointment until it is filled at the 2006 general election. Provides that the Supreme Court shall allot resident judgeships as they become vacant and that no resident judge must move to continue serving or to seek retention. In the Circuit Courts Act, achieves the allotment of one resident judgeship to each of five subcircuits by requiring the Supreme Court to allot (i) one additional resident judgeship, (ii) two converted associate judgeships, and (iii) the first two vacancies occurring in any of the circuit's existing at large and resident judgeships.

S.B. 189

http://www.legis.state.il.us/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=&SessionId=3&GA=93&DocTypeId=SB&DocNum=189

Creates the Judicial Redistricting Act of 2003. Contains only a short title provision.

Iowa

H.F. 573

http://www.legis.state.ia.us/cgi-bin/Legislation/Bill.pl

Provides that the supreme court shall, at least every 10 years, review the division of the state into judicial districts and judicial election districts in order to determine whether the current composition of the judicial districts and judicial election districts is the most efficient and effective administration of the district courts and the judicial branch.

H.F. 631

Passed House 4/1/03

http://www.legis.state.ia.us/cgi-bin/Legislation/Bill.pl

Relates to the apportionment of judgeships and the voluntary transfer of a district judge among the judicial election districts.

S.F. 305

http://www.legis.state.ia.us/cgi-bin/Legislation/Bill.pl

Provides that if the chief justice of the supreme court determines an inequity exists in the allocation of judgeships and judicial workload between judicial election districts, the chief justice may authorize a voluntary permanent transfer of a district judge from one judicial election district to another. The chief justice shall notify all eligible district judges of the intent to authorize a voluntary transfer. The chief justice may permanently transfer a district judge who consents to the transfer within six months of the notification to authorize such a transfer. Provides that the transfer of a district judge shall take effect within 60 days of the official announcement of the transfer. Under the bill a district judge who transfers shall establish a residency in the new judicial election district within six months of the official announcement of the transfer. A district judge who is transferred shall stand for retention in the new judicial election district.

S.F. 418

http://www.legis.state.ia.us/cgi-bin/Legislation/Bill.pl

Relates to procedures for appointing judges and magistrates, to the voluntary transfer of judgeships, and to the apportionment of judgeships among judicial election districts.

Tennessee

H.B. 1929

http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/HB1929.pdf

S.B. 933

http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/SB0933.pdf

Requires the Judicial Council to draft proposal reconstituting existing judicial districts by January 1, 2004, based upon population and provides that future determinations as to need for new judicial positions be based exclusively on population rather than weighted caseload formula.

Texas

H.B. 27, Third Called Session

http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/cgi-

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Relates to the reapportionment of state legislative, congressional, and judicial districts and the creation, function, and duties of the Texas Redistricting Commission.

H.B. 88, First Called Session

http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/cgi-

<u>bin/tlo/textframe.cmd?LEG=78&SESS=1&CHAMBER=H&BILLTYPE=B&BILLSUFFIX=000</u>88&VERSION=1&TYPE=B

S.B. 6, First Called Session

http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/cgi-

bin/tlo/textframe.cmd?LEG=78&SESS=1&CHAMBER=S&BILLTYPE=B&BILLSUFFIX=0000 6&VERSION=1&TYPE=B

Relates to the reapportionment of state legislative, congressional, and judicial districts and the creation, function, and duties of the Texas Redistricting Commission.

S.B. 90

http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/cgi-

bin/tlo/textframe.cmd?LEG=78&SESS=R&CHAMBER=S&BILLTYPE=B&BILLSUFFIX=000 90&VERSION=1&TYPE=B

Establishes a nine-member independent, bipartisan citizen redistricting commission to draw district lines for congressional districts, state senate districts, and state representative districts. Requires this commission, if the Judicial Districts Board fails to make a statewide reapportionment of judicial districts under Chapter 24F, to make the statewide reapportionment as required by §24.946(a). Requires the commission to complete the reapportionment of judicial districts as soon as possible within the time provided by §7a(e), Article V, Texas Constitution.

2002

Alaska

H.B. 207

Signed by governor 6/28/02, Chapter 108

http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_bill_text.asp?hsid=HB0207B&session=22

Moves election district 24 as described in the Constitution of the state of Alaska at statehood from the Second Judicial District to the Fourth Judicial District and adds the Nabesna area to the Third Judicial District and removes it from the Fourth Judicial District.

Arizona

H.B. 2482

http://www.azleg.state.az.us/legtext/45leg/2r/bills/hb2482h.htm

Authorizes additional judges for superior courts.

Connecticut

H.B. 5460

http://www.cga.state.ct.us/2002/fc/2002HB-05460-R000402-FC.htm

Increases the number of family support magistrates from nine to 13.

Florida

H.B. 1927

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/cgi-

<u>bin/view_page.pl?Tab=session&Submenu=1&FT=D&File=hb1927e1.html&Directory=session/20</u> 02/House/bills/billtext/html/

Increases the number of judges in specified judicial circuits; provides for appointment by the governor.

S.B. 32, E Special Session

Signed by governor 5/24/02, Chapter 2002-388

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/cgi-

bin/view page.pl?Tab=session&Submenu=1&FT=D&File=sb0032Eer.html&Directory=session/2 002E/Senate/bills/billtext/html/

Increases number of judges in specified judicial circuits; provides for election or appointment by the governor.

S.B. 1654

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/cgi-

<u>bin/view_page.pl?Tab=session&Submenu=1&FT=D&File=sb1654e1.html&Directory=session/20</u> 02/Senate/bills/billtext/html/

Increases the number of judges in specified judicial circuits; increases the number of judges in specified county courts; increases the number of judges in specified district courts of appeal; and provides for appointment by the governor.

Georgia

H.B. 990

Signed by governor 4/18/02, Act 461

http://www.ganet.org/services/newleg/legsearch.cgi?year=2001&stype=billno&sparam=HB+990 &Bill Number Submit=Begin+Search

Creates a new judicial circuit to be known as the Paulding Judicial Circuit and to be composed of Paulding County; provides for the judges and district attorneys of said new circuit and the Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit and their terms, selection, and compensation; revises and restates certain provisions of law relating to the Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit and enacts provisions for the Paulding Judicial Circuit.

H.B. 1175

Signed by governor 5/13/02, Act 844

http://www.ganet.org/services/newleg/legsearch.cgi?year=2001&stype=billno&sparam=HB+1175 &Bill Number Submit=Begin+Search

Creates a new fourth superior court judgeship for the Alcovy Judicial Circuit; provides for the initial appointment and term of office of such judge; provides for the qualifications and for the compensation, salary, and expense allowance of said judge to be paid by the state and the counties comprising the judicial circuit; provides for jurors; provides for powers, duties, and responsibilities of judges of said circuit; provides for an additional court reporter and personnel and the compensation of such reporter and personnel..

http://www.ganet.org/services/newleg/legsearch.cgi?year=2001&stype=billno&sparam=HB+1326 &Bill Number Submit=Begin+Search

Provides for an additional judge for the state Court of Henry County, provides for the election of the judges of said court; provides for a chief judge; changes the provisions relating to the election of the solicitor-general of said court.

H.B. 1837

Signed by governor 5/1/02, Act 725

http://www.ganet.org/services/newleg/legsearch.cgi?year=2001&stype=billno&sparam=HB+1837 &Bill Number Submit=Begin+Search

Amends the act creating the State Court of DeKalb County, formerly known as the Civil and Criminal Court of DeKalb County, so as to add a judge to said court; provides for the appointment, election, and term of office of the additional judge.

Hawaii

H.B. 2311

Signed by governor 6/25/02, Act 196

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2002/bills/hb2311 cd1 .htm

S.B. 2634

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2002/bills/sb2634_sd1_.htm

Increases circuit judges in the 2nd and 3rd circuit from three to four judges.

Idaho

H.C.R. 59

http://www3.state.id.us/oasis/2002/HCR059.html

States findings of the Legislature and authorizes the Legislative Council to appoint a committee to undertake a study of declining voter participation, declining competition for state level public offices, increased funding by private interests of candidates for public office in Idaho, especially judicial offices, and options that may limit spending and improve competition and voter participation.

Illinois

S.J.R. 18

Proposes to amend the Illinois Constitution to create a Court of Criminal Appeals to have final appellate jurisdiction in relation to criminal cases. Provides for direct appeal from judgments of the circuit court imposing a sentence of death to the Court of Criminal Appeals as a matter of right. Vests final appellate jurisdiction in civil cases in the Supreme Court. Provides that the Court of Criminal Appeals shall consist of seven Judges, appointed at large by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Indiana

S.B. 84

http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2002/IN/IN0084.1.html

Increases the number of justices on the Indiana Supreme Court from five to seven.

Iowa

S.F. 2267

http://www.legis.state.ia.us/cgi-bin/Legislation/Bill.pl

Provides that the supreme court may from time to time review the division of the state into judicial districts in order to determine whether the current composition of the judicial districts is the most efficient and effective administration of the district court and the judicial branch.

Kentucky

H.B. 147

http://www.lrc.state.kv.us/record/02rs/HB147.htm

Relates to Judicial Circuits with two circuit judges to add the 4th Judicial Circuit.

H.B. 716

http://www.lrc.state.kv.us/record/02rs/HB716.htm

Creates a new district judgeship in the 9th Judicial District.

H.B. 724

http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/record/02rs/HB724.htm

Creates an additional district court judgeship in the 34th Judicial District.

H.B. 753

http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/record/02rs/HB753.htm

Increases from four to five the number of District Judges in the 16th Judicial District.

H.B. 820

http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/record/02rs/HB820.htm

Creates an additional circuit court judgeship in the 20th Judicial Circuit.

S.B. 9

http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/record/02rs/SB9.htm

Increases from one to two the number of circuit judges in the 4th Judicial Circuit.

Louisiana

H.B. 25, First Extraordinary Session

Signed by governor 4/18/02, Act 61

http://www.legis.state.la.us/leg_docs/021ES/CVT7/OUT/0000JJ1I.PDF

Provides for an additional judgeship in the 26th Judicial District.

H.B. 56, First Extraordinary Session

Signed by governor 4/18/02, Act 78

http://www.legis.state.la.us/leg_docs/021ES/CVT4/OUT/0000JJ1Z.PDF

Provides for the territorial jurisdiction of LaSalle Parish justice of the peace courts; provides the election to the offices of justice of the peace and constable.

H.B. 112, First Extraordinary Session

http://www.legis.state.la.us/leg_docs/021ES/CVT3/OUT/0000JFTI.PDF

Provides for the office of commissioner of the 22nd Judicial District.

S.B. 31, First Extraordinary Session

http://www.legis.state.la.us/leg_docs/021ES/CVT2/OUT/0000JDKD.PDF

Provides for an additional judgeship in the 22nd Judicial District.

Maryland

H.B. 689

http://mlis.state.md.us/2002rs/billfile/HB0689.htm

Increases the number of associate judgeships authorized for the District Court in Baltimore City and Prince George's, St. Mary's, and Worcester counties.

Michigan

H.B. 5942

http://michiganlegislature.org/documents/2001-2002/billintroduced/house/htm/2002-HIB-5942.htm

Decreases the number of judges in the 50th District Court from four to three and permits an increase in the number of judges in the third division of the 52nd District Court from three to four as specified.

Mississippi

H.B. 730

http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2002/html/HB/0700-0799/HB0730IN.htm Provides for posts in the First Chancery Court District.

H.B. 919

http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2002/html/HB/0900-0999/HB0919IN.htm Provides an additional judge for the 15th Circuit Court District.

S.B. 2029

Died in committee 2/5/02

http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2002/html/SB/2001-2099/SB2029IN.htm Create an additional judgeship for the First Circuit Court District.

S.B. 2213

http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2002/html/SB/2200-2299/SB2213IN.htm Provides an additional judge for the 15th circuit court district.

S.B. 2672

http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2002/html/SB/2600-2699/SB2672PS.htm Provides an additional judge for the 16th circuit court district.

S.B. 2832

http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2002/html/SB/2800-2899/SB2832CS.htm Provides an additional judge for the 15th circuit court district.

Missouri

H.J.R. 58

http://www.house.state.mo.us/bills02/biltxt02/intro02/HJR0058I.htm

Abolishes the office of associate circuit judge and elevates those judges to circuit judges effective January 1, 2003.

New York

A.B. 1806

http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A01806&sh=t

Permits the legislature to divide the judicial districts within New York City into smaller political subdivisions for the purpose of electing justices of the supreme court.

A.B. 1931

http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A01931&sh=t

S.B. 4346

http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=S04346&sh=t

Creates a second county court judgeship in the county of Delaware; provides for such judgeship to be filled at the general election to be held on November 5, 2002.

A.B. 5211

http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A05211&sh=t

Increases number of family court judges in Monroe county from six to seven, the additional judge to be elected in November of 2002 and take office January 1, 2003.

A.B. 6657

http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A06657&sh=t

S.B. 2516

http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=S02516&sh=t

Increases the number of supreme court justices in the sixth judicial district from 10 to 12 to be elected in November 2002 and begin serving January 2003.

A.B. 10323

http://www.assembly.state.nv.us/leg/?bn=A10323&sh=t

Establishes the counties of residence that eleven additional judges previously authorized to serve on the civil court of the city of New York shall be elected from.

A.B. 11617

Substituted by S.B. 5477 6/26/02

http://assembly.state.nv.us/leg/?bn=A11617&sh=t

S.B. 5477

Signed by governor 8/5/02, Chapter 279

http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=S05477&sh=t

Provides for the election of one additional justice in the supreme court for the 9th Judicial District.

Ohio

H.B. 499

Signed by governor 2/20/02

http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=124 HB 499

Adds one additional judge for the general division of the Butler County Court of Common Pleas to be elected in 2002.

S.B. 232

http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=124 SB 232

Adds one additional judge for the general division of the Butler County Court of Common Pleas to be elected in 2002.

Oklahoma

S.B. 1682

Signed by governor 6/6/02

Realigns the judicial districts.

Tennessee

H.B. 3284

Signed by governor 7/3/02, Private Law Chapter 164

http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/Chapter/PR0164.pdf

S.B. 3238

http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/SB3238.pdf

Subject to local approval, revises provisions for election, qualifications and powers of a city judge for the city of Humboldt.

Virginia

H.J.R. 305

Passed both houses 1/29/02

http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?021+ful+HJ305ER

Relates to the election of a Supreme Court of Virginia Justice, Circuit Court Judges, General District Court Judges, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judges, a member of the State Corporation Commission, and a member of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission.

H.J.R. 443

Passed both houses 2/28/02

http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?021+ful+HJ443ER

Relates to the election of a Court of Appeals of Virginia Judge, Circuit Court Judges, General District Court Judges, and Juvenile and Domestic relations District Court Judges.

H.J.R. 513

http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?021+ful+HJ513

Applies to the governor to call a special session for the election of judges, members of the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission or other judicial officers.

Washington

H.B. 1241

http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2001-02/House/1225-1249/1241 01222001.txt

S.B. 5046

http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2001-02/Senate/5025-5049/5046_01092001.txt

Provides for the election of supreme court justices from three judicial districts.

H.J.R. 4203

http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2001-02/House/4200-4224/4203 01222001.txt

Amends the state constitution to provide for election of supreme court justices from three judicial districts.

S.B. 5045

http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2001-02/Senate/5025-5049/5045 01092001.txt

Provides for the election of supreme court justices from nine judicial districts.

S.J.R. 8202

http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2001-02/Senate/8200-8224/8202 03142001.txt

Amends the state constitution to provide for election of supreme court justices from nine judicial districts.

S.J.R. 8213

http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2001-02/Senate/8200-8224/8213 02052001.txt

Amends the state constitution to provide for election of supreme court justices from three judicial districts.

2001

Arkansas

S.B. 914

http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/ftproot/bills/2001/htm/SB914.pdf

Requires the judicial districts to be redrawn.

Illinois

H.B. 1204

http://www.legis.state.il.us/legislation/legisnet92/hbgroups/hb/920HB1204LV.html

Creates the Cook County Judicial Subcircuit Reapportionment Act of 2001. Contains only a short title.

Kansas

H.B. 2297

Signed by governor 5/9/01

http://www.kslegislature.org/bills/2002/2297.pdf

Increases the number of Appellate Court judges by one per year, beginning in FY 2002 and ending in FY 2005, bringing the total to 14 judges.

Nebraska

L.B. 817

Withdrawn from further consideration 5/31/01

Changes provisions relating to Supreme Court judicial districts.

L.B. 853

Signed by governor 5/31/01

Changes boundaries of the Supreme Court judicial districts.

New Jersey

A.C.R. 131

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2000/Bills/ACR/151_I1.HTM

S.C.R. 44

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2000/Bills/SCR/44 I1.HTM

Proposes constitutional amendments establishing four-year terms of offices and a new reappointment process for members of the judiciary; clarifies authority for establishing provisions governing judicial salaries and pensions.

Oklahoma

H.B. 1541

Signed by governor 6/8/01

Relates to judicial redistricting.

Texas

H.B. 1473

http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/cgi-

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Amends the Government Code to repeal provisions regarding the reapportionment of judicial districts and abolish the Judicial Districts Board.

H.J.R. 61

http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/cgi-

<u>bin/tlo/textframe.cmd?LEG=77&SESS=R&CHAMBER=H&BILLTYPE=JR&BILLSUFFIX=00</u> 061&VERSION=1&TYPE=B

Proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the constitutional requirement for decennial reapportionment of the judicial districts and to abolish the Judicial Districts Board.

S.B. 147

http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/cgi-

bin/tlo/textframe.cmd?LEG=77&SESS=R&CHAMBER=S&BILLTYPE=B&BILLSUFFIX=001 47&VERSION=1&TYPE=B

Establishes a nine-member independent, bipartisan citizen redistricting commission to draw district lines for congressional districts, state senate districts, and state representative districts. Requires this commission, if the Judicial Districts Board fails to make a statewide reapportionment of judicial districts under Chapter 24F, to make the statewide reapportionment as required by $\S24.946(a)$. Requires the commission to complete the reapportionment of judicial districts as soon as possible within the time provided by $\S7a(e)$, Article V, Texas Constitution.

2000

Illinois

H.B. 1853

http://www.legis.state.il.us/legislation/legisnet91/hbgroups/hb/910HB1853LV.html

Amends the Circuit Courts Act, the Judicial Vacancies Act, and the Associate Judges Act. Adds captions to sections concerning the election and oath of circuit judges, vacancies in the office of judge, and the number of associate judges.

New York

A.B. 9033

Provides for an additional Supreme Court justice for the Eighth Judicial District, an additional judge for the Buffalo City Court, and two additional judges for the Eric County Family Court.

S.B. 6858

Provides an additional Supreme Court justice for the Eighth Judicial District, an additional judge for the Buffalo City Court, and two additional judges for the Erie County Family court, such judges are to be elected at the general election to be held in November 2000 and to take office January 1, 2001.

Virginia

H.J.R. 484

Passed both houses 3/10/00

http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?001+ful+HJ484ER

Relates to the election of Circuit Court judges and a general district court judge.

1999

Alabama

H.B. 117

Relates to the 15th Judicial Circuit Court (Montgomery County); provides for circuit court judges and makes additional appointments.

H.B. 329

Relates to the 39th Judicial Circuit Court (Limestone County) and establishes criteria for the elections.

Arkansas

S.B. 548

Signed by governor 3/29/99, Act 889

http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/ftproot/acts/1999/htm/act889.htm

Provides for the election of an additional judge from each of the existing Court of Appeals districts and to plan for redistricting.

S.B. 669

http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/ftproot/bills/1999/htm/SB669.htm

Amends various sections of the Arkansas Code to create the 24th judicial district and re-allocate judicial resources.

Illinois

H.B. 488

http://www.legis.state.il.us/legislation/legisnet91/hbgroups/hb/910HB0488LV.html Creates the Judicial Redistricting Act of 1999. Contains only a short title.

H.B. 489

Passed House 3/26/99

http://www.legis.state.il.us/legislation/legisnet91/hbgroups/hb/910HB0489LV.html Creates the Judicial Redistricting Act of 1999. Contains only a short title.

H.B. 490

http://www.legis.state.il.us/legislation/legisnet91/hbgroups/hb/910HB0490LV.html Creates the Judicial Redistricting Act of 1999. Contains only a short title.

Louisiana

H.B. 42

http://www.legis.state.la.us/leg_docs/99RS/CVT3/OUT/0000EBW7.PDF

Provides for one additional judge and for election sections in the Third Judicial District.

H.B. 43

http://www.legis.state.la.us/leg_docs/99RS/CVT2/OUT/0000DBSP.PDF

Provides for one additional judge and for election sections in the Third Judicial District.

Montana

H.B. 339

Signed by governor 4/19/99, Chapter 338

http://data.opi.state.mt.us/bills/billhtml/HB0339.htm

Provides for an interim study of the necessity of redistricting the state's judicial districts; provides for the preparation of proposed redistricting legislation if the study committee determines that redistricting is necessary.

South Carolina

S.B. 63

http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess113 1999-2000/bills/63.htm

Provides that family court judges shall be popularly elected from senatorial districts by the qualified voters of each district; repeals §20-7-1410 of the 1976 Code, relating to the number of family court judges assigned to each judicial circuit.

Texas

S.B. 837

http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/cgi-

<u>bin/tlo/textframe.cmd?LEG=76&SESS=R&CHAMBER=S&BILLTYPE=B&BILLSUFFIX=008</u> 37&VERSION=1&TYPE=B

Relates to the reapportionment of state legislative, congressional, and judicial districts and the creation, function, and duties of the Texas Redistricting Commission.