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AN ACT to amend the uniform city court act and the judiciary law, in relation to judges of city courts

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Paragraph 1 of subdivision (b) of section 2104 of the  
2 uniform city court act, as amended by chapter 493 of the laws of 2006,  
3 is amended to read as follows:  
4     (1) be an attorney admitted to practice law in this state for at least  
5 five years as of the date he or she commences the duties of office, and  
6 be a resident of the city in which he or she is elected or appointed,  
7 except that the judges of the Sherrill city court may reside anywhere in  
8 either Oneida or Madison counties, the city court judge who serves in  
9 the office that formerly was that of acting judge of the Oneida city  
10 court may reside anywhere in Madison county, the judges of the Peekskill  
11 city court may reside anywhere in Westchester county, the city court  
12 judge who serves in the office that formerly was that of acting judge of  
13 the Port Jervis city court may reside anywhere in either Sullivan or  
14 Orange counties, the judges of the Hudson city court may reside anywhere  
15 in Columbia county, the city court judge who serves in the office that  
16 formerly was that of acting judge of the Mechanicville city court may  
17 reside anywhere in Saratoga county, the judges of the Ogdensburg city  
18 court may reside anywhere in St. Lawrence county, the judges of the  
19 Rensselaer city court may reside anywhere in Rensselaer county and one  
20 judge of the Cohoes city court AND THE CITY COURT JUDGE WHO SERVES IN  
21 THE OFFICE THAT FORMERLY WAS THAT OF ACTING JUDGE OF THE WATERVLIET CITY  
22 COURT may reside anywhere in Albany county.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 S 2. Subdivision (d) of section 2104 of the uniform city court act, as  
2 amended by chapter 493 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 (d) The number of judges of the city court in each city shall be as  
5 provided herein. Full-time judgeships are specifically so designated,  
6 all others are part-time:

7 Par. Name of city

8 1 Albany, [four] FIVE full-time [and one part-time];  
9 2 Amsterdam, one full-time and one part-time;  
10 3 Auburn, one full-time and one part-time;  
11 4 Batavia, one full-time and one part-time;  
12 5 Beacon, one full-time and one part-time;  
13 6 Binghamton, [two] THREE full-time [and one part-time];  
14 7 Buffalo, [thirteen] FOURTEEN full-time;  
15 8 Canandaigua, one full-time and one part-time;  
16 9 Cohoes, two;  
17 10 Corning, one full-time and one part-time;  
18 11 Cortland, one full-time and one part-time;  
19 12 Dunkirk, one full-time and one part-time;  
20 13 Elmira, two full-time;  
21 14 Fulton, one full-time and one part-time;  
22 15 Geneva, three;  
23 16 Glen Cove, two;  
24 17 Glens Falls, one full-time and one part-time;  
25 18 Gloversville, one full-time and one part-time;  
26 19 Hornell, two;  
27 20 Hudson, two;  
28 21 Ithaca, [one] TWO full-time [and one part-time];  
29 22 Jamestown, [one] TWO full-time [and one part-time];  
30 23 Johnstown, two;  
31 24 Kingston, [one] TWO full-time [and one part-time];  
32 25 Lackawanna, one full-time and one part-time;  
33 26 Little Falls, two;  
34 27 Lockport, [one] TWO full-time [and one part-time];  
35 28 Long Beach, two full-time;  
36 29 Mechanicville, two;  
37 30 Middletown, [one] TWO full-time [and one part-time];  
38 31 Mount Vernon, three full-time and one part-time;  
39 32 Newburgh, [two] THREE full-time;  
40 33 New Rochelle, [two] THREE full-time [and one part-time];  
41 34 Niagara Falls, four full-time;  
42 35 North Tonawanda, one full-time and one part-time;  
43 36 Norwich, [two] ONE FULL-TIME AND ONE PART-TIME;  
44 37 Ogdensburg, one full-time and one part-time;  
45 38 Olean, one full-time and one part-time;  
46 39 Oneida, [two] ONE FULL-TIME AND ONE PART-TIME;  
47 40 Oneonta, [two] ONE FULL-TIME AND ONE PART-TIME;  
48 41 Oswego, one full-time and one part-time;  
49 42 Peekskill, one full-time and one part-time;  
50 43 Plattsburgh, one full-time and one part-time;  
51 44 Port Jervis, two;  
52 45 Poughkeepsie, two full-time;  
53 46 Rensselaer, two;  
54 47 Rochester, [nine] TEN full-time;  
55 48 Rome, [one] TWO full-time [and one part-time];  
56 49 Rye, one full-time and one part-time;

1 50 Salamanca, two;  
2 51 Saratoga Springs, [one] TWO full-time [and one part-time];  
3 52 Schenectady, [three] FOUR full-time;  
4 53 Sherrill, one;  
5 54 Syracuse, [eight] NINE full-time;  
6 55 Tonawanda, one full-time and one part-time;  
7 56 Troy, [one] TWO full-time and one part-time;  
8 57 Utica, three full-time;  
9 58 Watertown, [one] TWO full-time [and one part-time];  
10 59 Watervliet, two;  
11 60 White Plains, [three] FOUR full-time [and one part-time];  
12 61 Yonkers, [six] SEVEN full-time.

13 S 3. Subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of paragraph 1 of subdivision (e) of  
14 section 2104 of the uniform city court act, as amended by chapter 493 of  
15 the laws of 2006, are amended to read as follows:

16 (i) by the mayor of the city for which the court on which he or she  
17 will serve has been established, with the advice and consent of the city  
18 council: part-time city court judge of Beacon, part-time city court  
19 judge of Corning, part-time city court judge of Cortland, part-time city  
20 court judge of Gloversville, city court judge of Glen Cove who serves in  
21 the office that on June first, two thousand one was an appointive office  
22 pursuant to this subparagraph, [part-time city court judge of Ithaca,  
23 part-time] city court judge of Jamestown WHO SERVES IN THE OFFICE THAT  
24 WAS CREATED DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOU-  
25 SAND THIRTEEN, part-time city court judge of Olean, city court judges of  
26 Plattsburgh, city court judge of Port Jervis who serves in the office  
27 that formerly was that of acting city court judge of Port Jervis, city  
28 court judges of Rye, city court judge of Salamanca who serves in the  
29 office that formerly was that of acting city court judge of Salamanca  
30 and the [part-time] city court judge of Watertown WHO SERVES IN THE  
31 OFFICE THAT ON MARCH THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN WAS PART-TIME.

32 (ii) by the city council of the city for which the court on which he  
33 or she will serve has been established: part-time city court judge of  
34 Auburn, part-time city court judge of Batavia, part-time city court  
35 judge of Canandaigua, city court judge of Johnstown who serves in the  
36 office that formerly was that of acting city court judge of Johnstown,  
37 city court judge of Newburgh who serves in the office that on March  
38 thirty-first, two thousand one was part-time, city court judge of  
39 Norwich who serves in the office that [formerly was that of acting city  
40 court judge of Norwich] WAS CREATED DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR COMMENCING  
41 JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN, city court judges of Peekskill,  
42 and city court judges of White Plains.

43 S 4. The opening paragraph of subparagraph (iii) of paragraph 1 of  
44 subdivision (e) of section 2104 of the uniform city court act, as  
45 amended by chapter 493 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as  
46 follows:

47 by the mayor of the city for which the court on which he or she will  
48 serve has been established: [part-time] city court judge of Binghamton  
49 WHO SERVES IN THE OFFICE THAT ON MARCH THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOUR-  
50 TEEN WAS PART-TIME, city court judges of Cohoes, part-time city court  
51 judge of Dunkirk, part-time city court judge of Fulton, city court judge  
52 of Geneva who serves in the office that formerly was that of acting city  
53 court judge of Geneva, city court judge of Hornell who serves in the  
54 office that formerly was that of acting city court judge of Hornell,  
55 city court judge of Hudson who serves in the office that formerly was  
56 that of acting city court judge of Hudson, [part-time] city court judge

1 of Kingston WHO SERVES IN THE OFFICE THAT ON MARCH THIRTY-FIRST, TWO  
 2 THOUSAND FOURTEEN WAS PART-TIME, part-time city court judge of Lackawan-  
 3 na, city court judge of Little Falls who serves in the office that  
 4 formerly was that of acting CITY court judge of Little Falls, [part-time  
 5 city court judge of Lockport,] city court judge of Mechanicville who  
 6 serves in the office that formerly was that of acting city court judge  
 7 of Mechanicville, [part-time] city court judge of Middletown WHO SERVES  
 8 IN THE OFFICE THAT WAS CREATED DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR COMMENCING JANU-  
 9 ARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN, part-time city court judge of Mount  
 10 Vernon, [part-time] city court judge of New Rochelle [and full-time city  
 11 court judge of such city who serves in the office created during the  
 12 calendar year commencing January first, two thousand one] WHO SERVES IN  
 13 THE OFFICE THAT WAS CREATED DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY  
 14 FIRST, TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN AND THE CITY COURT JUDGE OF SUCH CITY WHO  
 15 SERVES IN THE OFFICE THAT ON JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN WAS AN  
 16 APPOINTIVE OFFICE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, part-time city court  
 17 judge of North Tonawanda, part-time city court judge of Ogdensburg,  
 18 PART-TIME city court judge of Oneida [who serves in the office that  
 19 formerly was that of acting city court judge of Oneida], PART-TIME city  
 20 court judge of Oneonta [who serves in the office that formerly was that  
 21 of acting city court judge of Oneonta], part-time city court judge of  
 22 Oswego, city court judges of Poughkeepsie, city court judge of Rensse-  
 23 laer who serves in the office that formerly was that of acting city  
 24 court judge of Rensselaer, [part-time] city court judge of Saratoga  
 25 Springs WHO SERVES IN THE OFFICE THAT WAS CREATED DURING THE CALENDAR  
 26 YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN, part-time city  
 27 court judge of Tonawanda and city court judge of Watervliet who serves  
 28 in the office that formerly was that of acting city court judge of  
 29 Watervliet. Provided, however, the following special provisions shall  
 30 be applicable in the city of Poughkeepsie:

31 S 5. Section 221-i of the judiciary law, as amended by chapter 493 of  
 32 the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

33 S 221-i. Salary of judges of the city courts outside the city of New  
 34 York. [The] EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY CHAPTER FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-  
 35 SEVEN OF THE LAWS OF TWO THOUSAND TEN, THE annual salary of each judge  
 36 of a city court outside the city of New York shall be as follows (where  
 37 this section provides different salaries for judicial positions on the  
 38 same court having the same title, the greater salary shall be paid the  
 39 person holding the position paid the greater salary on the day imme-  
 40 diately preceding the day on which such salaries took effect):

41 City	Title	
42 Albany	City Court Judge (FT)	113,900
43 [Albany	City Court Judge	54,400]
44 Amsterdam	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800
45 Amsterdam	City Court Judge	27,200
46 Auburn	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800
47 Auburn	City Court Judge	[27,200] 54,400
48 Batavia	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800
49 Batavia	City Court Judge	27,200
50 Beacon	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800
51 Beacon	City Court Judge	27,200
52 Binghamton	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800
53 [Binghamton	City Court Judge	54,400]
54 Buffalo	Chief Judge (FT)	115,100

1	Buffalo	City Court Judge (FT)	113,900	
2	Canandaigua	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
3	Canandaigua	City Court Judge	27,200	
4	Cohoes	City Court Judge	54,400	
5	Corning	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
6	Corning	City Court Judge	27,200	
7	Cortland	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
8	Cortland	City Court Judge	[27,200]	54,400
9	Dunkirk	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
10	Dunkirk	City Court Judge	27,200	
11	Elmira	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
12	Fulton	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
13	Fulton	City Court Judge	27,200	
14	Geneva	City Court Judge	54,400	
15	Geneva	City Court Judge	27,200	
16	Glen Cove	City Court Judge	54,400	
17	Gloversville	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
18	Gloversville	City Court Judge	27,200	
19	Glens Falls	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
20	Glens Falls	City Court Judge	27,200	
21	Hornell	City Court Judge	54,400	
22	Hornell	City Court Judge	27,200	
23	Hudson	City Court Judge	54,400	
24	Hudson	City Court Judge	27,200	
25	Ithaca	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
26	[Ithaca	City Court Judge	54,400]	
27	Jamestown	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
28	[Jamestown	City Court Judge	54,400]	
29	Johnstown	City Court Judge	54,400	
30	Johnstown	City Court Judge	27,200	
31	Kingston	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
32	[Kingston	City Court Judge	54,400]	
33	Lackawanna	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
34	Lackawanna	City Court Judge	54,400	
35	Lockport	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
36	[Lockport	City Court Judge	54,400]	
37	Long Beach	City Court Judge (FT)	118,300	
38	Little Falls	City Court Judge	27,200	
39	Mechanicville	City Court Judge	27,200	
40	Middletown	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
41	[Middletown	City Court Judge	54,400]	
42	Mount Vernon	City Court Judge (FT)	118,300	
43	Mount Vernon	City Court Judge	54,400	
44	Newburgh	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
45	Niagara Falls	Chief Judge (FT)	115,100	
46	Niagara Falls	City Court Judge (FT)	113,900	
47	Norwich	City Court Judge (FT)	[54,400]	108,800
48	Norwich	City Court Judge	27,200	
49	New Rochelle	City Court Judge (FT)	118,300	
50	[New Rochelle	City Court Judge	54,400]	
51	North Tonawanda	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
52	North Tonawanda	City Court Judge	54,400	
53	Ogdensburg	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
54	Ogdensburg	City Court Judge	27,200	
55	Olean	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	

1	Olean	City Court Judge	27,200	
2	Oneida	City Court Judge (FT)	[54,400]	108,800
3	Oneida	City Court Judge	27,200	
4	Oneonta	City Court Judge (FT)	[54,400]	108,800
5	Oneonta	City Court Judge	27,200	
6	Oswego	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
7	Oswego	City Court Judge	27,200	
8	Peekskill	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
9	Peekskill	City Court Judge	54,400	
10	Poughkeepsie	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
11	Plattsburgh	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
12	Plattsburgh	City Court Judge	27,200	
13	Port Jervis	City Court Judge	54,400	
14	[Port Jervis	City Court Judge	27,200]	
15	Rensselaer	City Court Judge	54,400	
16	Rensselaer	City Court Judge	27,200	
17	Rochester	Chief Judge (FT)	115,100	
18	Rochester	City Court Judge (FT)	113,900	
19	Rome	City Court Judge (FT)	113,900	
20	[Rome	City Court Judge	54,400]	
21	Rye	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
22	Rye	City Court Judge	[27,200]	54,400
23	Salamanca	City Court Judge	54,400	
24	SALAMANCA	CITY COURT JUDGE	27,200	
25	Saratoga Springs	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
26	[Saratoga Springs	City Court Judge	54,400]	
27	Schenectady	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
28	Sherrill	City Court Judge	27,200	
29	Syracuse	Chief Judge (FT)	115,100	
30	Syracuse	City Court Judge (FT)	113,900	
31	Tonawanda	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
32	Tonawanda	City Court Judge	54,400	
33	Troy	City Court Judge (FT)	113,900	
34	Troy	City Court Judge	81,600	
35	Utica	Chief Judge (FT)	115,100	
36	Utica	City Court Judge (FT)	113,900	
37	Watertown	City Court Judge (FT)	108,800	
38	[Watertown	City Court Judge	27,200]	
39	Watervliet	City Court Judge	54,400	
40	[Watervliet	City Court Judge	27,200]	
41	White Plains	City Court Judge (FT)	116,800	
42	[White Plains	City Court Judge	54,400]	
43	Yonkers	Chief Judge (FT)	119,500	
44	Yonkers	City Court Judge (FT)	118,300	

45 S 6. Transition. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for  
 46 purposes of this act:

47 (a) On the effective date of this section:

48 (i) each of the following part-time judgeships shall be abolished and  
 49 replaced by a full-time judgeship: the part-time city court judge of  
 50 Albany, the part-time city court judge of Binghamton, the part-time city  
 51 court judge of Ithaca, the part-time city court judge of Jamestown, the  
 52 part-time city court judge of Kingston, the part-time city court judge  
 53 of Lockport, the part-time city judge of Middletown, the part-time city  
 54 court judge of New Rochelle, the part-time city court judge of Norwich  
 55 whose office is paid the greater compensation on such date, the part-  
 56 time city court judge of Oneida whose office is paid the greater compen-

1 sation on such date, the part-time city court judge of Oneonta whose  
2 office is paid the greater compensation on such date, the part-time city  
3 court judge of Rome, the part-time city court judge of Saratoga Springs,  
4 the part-time city court judge of Watertown and the part-time city court  
5 judge of White Plains. Each person in a judgeship abolished by this  
6 subdivision shall continue in service in the full-time judgeship that  
7 replaces such abolished judgeship hereunder for the remainder of the  
8 term of office to which he or she was selected in such abolished judge-  
9 ship except that the person who continues in service in the full-time  
10 judgeship that replaces the abolished judgeship in the city court of  
11 Lockport shall do so until the thirty-first day of December next  
12 succeeding the date on which such term of office would otherwise expire;  
13 and

14 (ii) the office of the elected part-time city court judge of Salamanca  
15 shall receive the increase in compensation provided in section 221-i of  
16 the judiciary law as amended by section five of this act.

17 (b) The new offices of full-time city court judge in the cities of  
18 Buffalo, Newburgh, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy and Yonkers,  
19 respectively, shall first be filled by election at the next general  
20 election at which they can be filled for a full term to commence January  
21 first next thereafter. Upon the first occurrence of a vacancy in the  
22 office of full-time city court judge of the city court of Lockport  
23 established by paragraph (i) of subdivision (a) of this section, the  
24 office shall be filled by election for a term commencing the first day  
25 of January next succeeding the election.

26 S 7. (a) In the event that the compensation to be paid a judge of a  
27 city court, as prescribed by this act or any other provision of law, is  
28 lower than the compensation being paid such judge immediately prior to  
29 the effective date of this section, such judge shall, for as long as he  
30 or she holds the office in which he or she is serving on such effective  
31 date, receive such higher compensation (plus any increases thereto as  
32 shall thereafter be provided by law).

33 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this act, this act shall not  
34 extend or diminish any term of judicial office commenced prior to the  
35 effective date of this section.

36 S 8. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding  
37 the date on which it shall have become a law; provided, however, that no  
38 changes in the number or compensation of judges, as provided in sections  
39 two and five of this act, may take effect in a city in which a full-time  
40 judgeship replaces a part-time judgeship pursuant to this act until  
41 authorized under section six of this act.