

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

February 23, 2022

Introduced by M. of A. THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the uniform justice court act and the town law, in relation to requiring certain town and village justices be admitted to practice law in the state

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 105 of the uniform justice court act is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision (a-1) to read as follows:

3 (a-1) Education. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
4 contrary, a town or village justice selected for a term of office in a
5 town or village with a high volume caseload shall be admitted to prac-
6 tice law in the state. For the purposes of this subdivision, "town or
7 village with a high volume caseload" shall mean the fifty highest volume
8 caseloads in town and village courts in the state as determined by the
9 office of court administration in consultation with the division of
10 criminal justice services. Any change in the requirements for eligibil-
11 ity to serve as a town or village justice in such town or village shall
12 take effect upon commencement of the next judicial term of office
13 following the designation as a town or village with a high volume case-
14 load.

15 § 2. Section 31 of the town law is amended by adding a new subdivision
16 2-a to read as follows:

17 2-a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a
18 town justice selected for a term of office in a town with a high volume
19 caseload, as determined pursuant to subdivision (a-1) of section one
20 hundred five of the uniform justice court act, shall be admitted to
21 practice law in the state. Any change in the requirements for eligibil-
22 ity to serve as a town justice in such town shall take effect upon
23 commencement of the next judicial term of office following the desig-
24 nation as a town with a high volume caseload.

25 § 3. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
26 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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