

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

June 3, 2024

Introduced by Sen. HOYLMAN-SIGAL -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the family court act and the New York city civil court act, in relation to increasing the number of judges in certain courts

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

1 Section 1. Section 121 of the family court act, as amended by chapter
2 749 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 121. Number of judges. The family court within the city of New York
4 shall consist of [~~sixty-three~~] sixty-seven judges, effective January
5 first, two thousand [~~twenty-four~~] twenty-five. There shall be at least
6 one family court judge resident in each county of the city of New York.

7 § 2. Section 102-a of the New York city civil court act is amended by
8 adding a new subdivision 2-b to read as follows:

9 2-b. Twelve additional judges of the civil court of the city of New
10 York shall be elected in and from the residents of the following coun-
11 ties in the indicated numbers: from the county of New York, three; from
12 the county of Bronx, three; from the county of Kings, three; and from
13 the county of Queens, three. Such additional judges shall receive the
14 same compensation as the existing judges of the civil court of the city
15 of New York and shall be elected countywide within the city of New York.

16 § 3. Section 131 of the family court act is amended by adding a new
17 subdivision (x) to read as follows:

18 (x) There shall be an additional family court judge for each of the
19 following counties: Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Erie, Jefferson, Rensse-
20 laer, Rockland and Westchester. Moreover, there shall be two additional
21 family court judges from the county of Suffolk and there shall be two
22 additional family court judges from the county of Nassau. The compen-
23 sation of each such additional family court judge shall be the same as
24 the compensation paid to each existing family court judge in such county
25 or, if there is no separately-elected family court judge in such county,
26 the same as the compensation paid to a judge of the county court in such
27 county.

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

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1 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that
2 the positions created by sections two and three of this act shall be
3 filled by election at the November 5, 2024 election, for a term to
4 commence on the first day of January, 2025, as if such vacancy occurred
5 on the effective date of this act. Party nominations shall be made as
6 provided for in section 6-116 and 6-158 of the election law, and the
7 independent nominations shall be made as provided for by subdivision ten
8 of section 6-158 of the election law.