

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

March 21, 2025

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to article 6 of the constitution, in relation to the selection of judges to Family Court within the City of New York

1 Section 1. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That subdivision a of
2 section 15 of article 6 of the constitution be amended to read as
3 follows:

4 a. The legislature shall by law establish a single court of city-wide
5 civil jurisdiction and a single court of city-wide criminal jurisdiction
6 in and for the city of New York and the legislature may, upon the
7 request of the mayor and the local legislative body of the city of New
8 York, merge the two courts into one city-wide court of both civil and
9 criminal jurisdiction. The said city-wide courts shall consist of such
10 number of judges as may be provided by law. The judges of the court of
11 city-wide civil jurisdiction shall be residents of such city and shall
12 be chosen for terms of ten years by the electors of the counties
13 included within the city of New York from districts within such counties
14 established by law. The judges of the court of city-wide criminal juris-
15 diction shall be residents of such city and shall be appointed for terms
16 of ten years by the mayor of the city of New York. The judges of family
17 court shall be residents of such city and shall be chosen for terms of
18 ten years by the electors of the counties included within the
19 city of New York from districts within such counties established by law.

20 § 2. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the foregoing amendment be
21 referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the
22 next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in
23 conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be
24 published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.

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

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