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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

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

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1 judge of the Cohoes city court AND THE CITY COURT JUDGE WHO SERVES IN
2 THE OFFICE THAT FORMERLY WAS THAT OF ACTING JUDGE OF THE WATERVLIET CITY
3 COURT may reside anywhere in Albany county.

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

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

10 Par. Name of city

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

1 47 Rochester, [nine] TEN full-time;
2 48 Rome, [one] TWO full-time [and one part-time];
3 49 Rye, one full-time and one part-time;
4 50 Salamanca, two;
5 51 Saratoga Springs, [one] TWO full-time [and one part-time];
6 52 Schenectady, [three] FOUR full-time;
7 53 Sherrill, one;
8 54 Syracuse, [eight] NINE full-time;
9 55 Tonawanda, one full-time and one part-time;
10 56 Troy, [one] TWO full-time and one part-time;
11 57 Utica, three full-time;
12 58 Watertown, [one] TWO full-time [and one part-time];
13 59 Watervliet, two;
14 60 White Plains, [three] FOUR full-time [and one part-time];
15 61 Yonkers, [six] SEVEN full-time.

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

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

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

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

50 by the mayor of the city for which the court on which he or she will
51 serve has been established: [part-time city court judge of Binghamton,]
52 city court judges of Cohoes, part-time city court judge of Dunkirk,
53 part-time city court judge of Fulton, city court judge of Geneva who
54 serves in the office that formerly was that of acting city court judge
55 of Geneva, city court judge of Hornell who serves in the office that
56 formerly was that of acting city court judge of Hornell, city court

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 time city court judge of Oneida whose office is paid the greater compen-
2 sation on such date, the part-time city court judge of Rome, the part-
3 time city court judge of Saratoga Springs, the part-time city court
4 judge of Watertown and the part-time city court judge of White Plains.
5 Each person in a judgeship abolished by this subdivision shall continue
6 in service in the full-time judgeship that replaces such abolished
7 judgeship hereunder for the remainder of the term of office to which he
8 or she was selected in such abolished judgeship except that the persons
9 who continue in service in the full-time judgeships that replace the
10 abolished judgeships in the city courts of Binghamton and Lockport,
11 respectively, 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. For each of the offices of full-time city court
22 judge established in the cities of Binghamton and Lockport by paragraph
23 (i) of subdivision (a) of this section, upon the first occurrence of a
24 vacancy in such office following the effective date of this section,
25 such office shall be filled by election for a term commencing the first
26 day of January next succeeding the election.

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

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

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