STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

May 30, 2022

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Lavine) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the judiciary law and the family court act, in relation to expanding the number of judges in certain judicial districts and the family court

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

Section 1. Section 140-a of the judiciary law, as amended by chapter 188 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

§ 140-a. Number of supreme court justices in each judicial district. The number of justices of the supreme court in each judicial district shall be as follows:

1. First district, thirty-eight;
2. Second district, [~~fifty~~] fifty-two;
3. Third district, [~~sixteen~~] seventeen;
4. Fourth district, [~~thirteen~~] fourteen;
5. Fifth district, [~~eighteen~~] nineteen;
6. Sixth district, eleven;
7. Seventh district, [~~nineteen~~] twenty;
8. Eighth district, [~~twenty-seven~~] twenty-eight;
9. Ninth district, [~~thirty-one~~] thirty-three;
10. Tenth district, [~~fifty~~] fifty-one;
11. Eleventh district, [~~forty-two~~] forty-three;
12. Twelfth district, [~~twenty-eight~~] twenty-nine;
13. Thirteenth district, [~~seven~~] nine.

No person may serve in the office of justice of the supreme court unless he or she has been admitted to practice law in the state of New York for at least ten years as of the date he or she commences the duties of office.

§ 2. Section 121 of the family court act, as amended by chapter 44 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

§ 121. Number of judges. The family court within the city of New York shall consist of [~~fifty-six~~] sixty judges, effective January first, two

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

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thousand [~~fifteen~~] **twenty-three**. There shall be at least one family court judge resident in each county of the city of New York.

§ 3. Subdivisions (d) and (g) of section 131 of the family court act, subdivision (d) as amended by chapter 555 of the laws of 1975 and subdivision (g) as amended by chapter 572 of the laws of 1984, are amended to read as follows:

(d) In the county of Nassau there shall be [~~eight~~] **nine** family court judges and the number of such judges now existing in said county is hereby increased accordingly.

(g) There shall be a separate office of judge of the family court for the counties of Oswego and Sullivan and the compensation payable for each such separate office of judge of the family court shall be twenty-five thousand dollars per annum. In the county of Saratoga there shall be [~~an~~] **two** additional family court [~~judge~~] **judges** and the number of such judges now existing in such county is hereby increased accordingly. The compensation of such additional family court judge shall be the same as the compensation of the existing family court judge in such county.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that the positions created by section three of this act shall be filled by election at the November 8, 2022 election, for a term to commence on the first day of January, 2023, as if such vacancy occurred on the effective date of this act. Party nominations shall be made as provided for in section 6-116 and 6-158 of the election law, and the independent nominations shall be made as provided for by subdivision ten of section 6-158 of the election law.