STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

April 21, 2021

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

AN ACT to amend the judiciary law, in relation to creating a fourteenth judicial district

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

Section 1. Section 70 of the judiciary law, as amended by chapter 690 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

§ 70. Judicial departments. The state is hereby divided into four judicial departments. The first department shall consist of the counties embraced within the first and twelfth judicial districts; the second department shall consist of the counties embraced within the second, ninth, tenth, eleventh [~~and~~], thirteenth **and fourteenth** judicial districts; the third department shall consist of the counties embraced within the third, fourth and sixth judicial districts; the fourth department shall consist of the counties embraced within the fifth, seventh and eighth judicial districts.

§ 2. The opening paragraph and the ninth undesignated paragraph of section 140 of the judiciary law, the opening paragraph as amended by chapter 690 of the laws of 2007 and the ninth undesignated paragraph as amended by chapter 10 of the laws of 1948, are amended and a new fourteenth undesignated paragraph is added to read as follows:

The state is hereby divided into [~~thirteen~~] **fourteen** judicial districts, pursuant to the provisions of the first section of the sixth article of the constitution, which districts shall be arranged as follows:

The ninth judicial district shall consist of the [~~counties~~] **county** of Westchester[~~, Putnam, Dutchess, Orange and Rockland~~];

The fourteenth judicial district shall consist of the counties of Putnam, Dutchess, Orange, and Rockland. The creation of such fourteenth district shall not affect or impair the rights, privileges or compen-

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

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sation of any officer or employee of the supreme court in office on the first day of January, two thousand twenty-three in the ninth judicial district as theretofore constituted; each such officer or employee employed in the counties of Putnam, Dutchess, Orange, and Rockland on such date shall thereafter be an officer or employee for the fourteenth judicial district and each such officer or employee employed in the county of Westchester on such date shall thereafter be an officer or employee for the ninth judicial district.

§ 3. Subdivisions 9 and 13 of section 140-a of the judiciary law, subdivision 9 as amended by section 1 of part XX of chapter 59 of the laws of 2018 and subdivision 13 as amended by section 1 of part T of chapter 39 of the laws of 2019, are amended and a new subdivision 14 is added to read as follows:

9. Ninth district, [~~twenty-nine~~] eighteen;

13. Thirteenth district, five[~~.~~];

14. Fourteenth district, eleven.

§ 4. 1. The following named justices or their successors in office on the effective date of this act shall for the remainder of the terms for which they were elected or appointed be justices of the Supreme Court in and for the ninth judicial district as reconstituted and continued by this act.

Kathie Davidson
Robert M. DiBella
David F. Everett
James Hubert
Linda S. Jamieson
Nancy Quinn Koba
Joan B. Lefkowitz
Lewis Lubell
Janet C. Malone
Alexandra D. Murphy
Robert S. Ondrovic
Terry Jane Ruderman
Mary Smith
Sam D. Walker
Gretchen M. Walsh
Barry E. Warhit
E. Loren Williams
Charles D. Wood

2. The following named justices or their successors in office on the effective date of this act shall for the remainder of the terms for which they were elected or appointed be justices of the Supreme Court in and for the fourteenth judicial district as created and constituted by this act. Any positions that were vacant on June 15, 2022 shall be justices of the ninth judicial district.

Robert M. Berliner
Paul I. Marx
Thomas Zugibe
Gina C. Capone
Victor G. Grossman
Robert A. Onofry
Sandra Sciortino
Maria S. Vazquez-Doles
Christi J. Acker
Hal B. Greenwald
Maria G. Rosa

§ 5. If any provisions of any section of this act shall be held void or unconstitutional, all other provisions and all other sections of this act which are not expressly held to be void or unconstitutional shall continue in full force and effect.

§ 6. This act shall take effect January 1, 2023.