

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

May 3, 2024

Introduced by M. of A. BRABENEC -- 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:

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

3 § 70. Judicial departments. The state is hereby divided into four  
4 judicial departments. The first department shall consist of the counties  
5 embraced within the first and twelfth judicial districts; the second  
6 department shall consist of the counties embraced within the second,  
7 ninth, tenth, eleventh ~~and~~, thirteenth and fourteenth judicial  
8 districts; the third department shall consist of the counties embraced  
9 within the third, fourth and sixth judicial districts; the fourth  
10 department shall consist of the counties embraced within the fifth,  
11 seventh and eighth judicial districts.

12 § 2. The opening paragraph and the ninth undesignated paragraph of  
13 section 140 of the judiciary law, the opening paragraph as amended by  
14 chapter 690 of the laws of 2007 and the ninth undesignated paragraph as  
15 amended by chapter 10 of the laws of 1948, are amended and a new four-  
16 teenth undesignated paragraph is added to read as follows:

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

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

23 The fourteenth judicial district shall consist of the counties of  
24 Putnam, Dutchess, Orange, and Rockland. The creation of such fourteenth  
25 district shall not affect or impair the rights, privileges or compen-  
26 sation of any officer or employee of the supreme court in office on the  
27 first day of January, two thousand twenty-five in the ninth judicial  
28 district as theretofore constituted; each such officer or employee

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

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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. Section 140-a of the judiciary law, as amended by chapter 749 of the laws of 2023, 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-three;
- 3. Third district, seventeen;
- 4. Fourth district, fourteen;
- 5. Fifth district, nineteen;
- 6. Sixth district, eleven;
- 7. Seventh district, twenty;
- 8. Eighth district, twenty-eight;
- 9. Ninth district, [~~thirty-four~~] eighteen;
- 10. Tenth district, fifty-one;
- 11. Eleventh district, forty-four;
- 12. Twelfth district, twenty-nine;
- 13. Thirteenth district, nine;
- 14. Fourteenth district, eleven.

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

§ 4. 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.

- Hon. Robert M. DiBella
- Hon. David F. Everett
- Hon. Keri A. Fiore
- Hon. William J. Giacomo
- Hon. Hal B. Greenwald
- Hon. James L. Hyer
- Hon. Linda S. Jamieson
- Hon. Nancy Quinn Koba
- Hon. Joan B. Lefkowitz
- Hon. Lewis Lubell
- Hon. Janet C. Malone
- Hon. Paul I. Marx
- Hon. James McCarty
- Hon. Anne E. Minihan
- Hon. Alexandra D. Murphy
- Hon. Robert S. Ondrovic
- Hon. Amy S. Puerto
- Hon. Thomas Quinones
- Hon. Larry J. Schwartz
- Hon. Rolf M. Thorsen
- Hon. Gretchen M. Walsh
- Hon. Charles D. Woo

1 The following named justices or their successors in office on the  
2 effective date of this act shall for the remainder of the terms for  
3 which they were elected or appointed be justices of the supreme court in  
4 and for the fourteenth judicial district as created and constituted by  
5 this act. Any positions that were vacant on June 15, 2024 shall be  
6 justices of the ninth judicial district.

7 Hon. Gina C. Capone

8 Hon. Victor G. Grossman

9 Hon. Christi J. Acker

10 Hon. Thomas R. Davis

11 Hon. Maria G. Rosa

12 Hon. Elena M. Goldberg-Velazquez

13 Hon. Sandra Sciortino

14 Hon. David J. Squirrell

15 Hon. Maria S. Vazquez-Doles

16 Hon. E. Loren Williams

17 Hon. David S. Zuckerman

18 Hon. Christie L. D'Alessio

19 Hon. Sherri L. Eisenpress

20 Hon. Hal B. Greenwald

21 Hon. Thomas Zugibe

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

26 § 6. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.