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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. CHU -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the New York city civil court act, in relation to housing courts

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

Section 1. Section 110 of the New York city civil court act is amended by adding a new subdivision (r) to read as follows:

(r) (1) A part of the court shall be devoted to actions and proceedings where:

(i) every party to the proceeding is a natural person; or

(ii) the petitioner alleges in its petition that it is a "small landlord" as defined in subdivision three of section two hundred eleven of the real property law.

(2) Housing judges shall be appointed pursuant to subdivision (f) of this section.

(3) For every two million residents, rounded up to the next million, such housing court shall consist of one housing part, two trial parts, and two resolution parts. The office of court administration shall implement the provisions of this subdivision on a city-wide basis and shall promulgate any standards and goals necessary to adjudicate the actions and proceedings pursuant to this subdivision within one hundred twenty days of the commencement of such actions and proceedings.

§ 2. Section 102-a of the New York city civil court act is amended by adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

5. Housing judges necessary for housing courts established pursuant to subdivision (r) of section one hundred ten of this article shall be appointed pursuant to subdivision (f) of such section.

§ 3. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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