STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 30, 2026

Introduced by Sens. BOTTCHER, WEBER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the family court act, in relation to the number of judges in family court

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

Section 1. Section 121 of the family court act, as amended by chapter 204 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

§ 121. Number of judges. The family court within the city of New York shall consist of [~~sixty-seven~~] **seventy-two** judges[~~, effective January first, two thousand twenty-five~~]. There shall be at least one family court judge resident in each county of the city of New York.

§ 2. Section 131 of the family court act is amended by adding a new subdivision (y) to read as follows:

(y) There shall be two additional family court judges for each of Westchester and Rockland counties and an additional family court judge for each of Erie and Niagara counties. The compensation of each such additional family court judge shall be the same as the compensation paid to each existing family court judge in the county for which it is established.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that the positions created by section two of this act shall be filled by election at the November 2027 election, for a term to commence on the first day of January, 2028, as if such vacancy occurred on the effective date of this act.

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

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