

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 14, 2025

Introduced by Sen. WEBER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed 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-

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

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

9 § 3. Section 140-a of the judiciary law, as amended by chapter 749 of
10 the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

11 § 140-a. Number of supreme court justices in each judicial district.
12 The number of justices of the supreme court in each judicial district
13 shall be as follows:

- 14 1. First district, thirty-eight;
- 15 2. Second district, fifty-three;
- 16 3. Third district, seventeen;
- 17 4. Fourth district, fourteen;
- 18 5. Fifth district, nineteen;
- 19 6. Sixth district, eleven;
- 20 7. Seventh district, twenty;
- 21 8. Eighth district, twenty-eight;
- 22 9. Ninth district, [~~thirty-four~~] eighteen;
- 23 10. Tenth district, fifty-one;
- 24 11. Eleventh district, forty-four;
- 25 12. Twelfth district, twenty-nine;
- 26 13. Thirteenth district, nine;
- 27 14. Fourteenth district, eleven.

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

32 § 4. The following named justices or their successors in office on the
33 effective date of this act shall for the remainder of the terms for
34 which they were elected or appointed be justices of the supreme court in
35 and for the ninth judicial district as reconstituted and continued by
36 this act.

37 Hon. Robert M. DiBella
38 Hon. David F. Everett
39 Hon. Keri A. Fiore
40 Hon. William J. Giacomo
41 Hon. Hal B. Greenwald
42 Hon. James L. Hyer
43 Hon. Linda S. Jamieson
44 Hon. Nancy Quinn Koba
45 Hon. Joan B. Lefkowitz
46 Hon. Lewis Lubell
47 Hon. Janet C. Malone
48 Hon. Paul I. Marx
49 Hon. James McCarty
50 Hon. Anne E. Minihan
51 Hon. Alexandra D. Murphy
52 Hon. Robert S. Ondrovic
53 Hon. Amy S. Puerto
54 Hon. Thomas Quinones
55 Hon. Larry J. Schwartz
56 Hon. Rolf M. Thorsen

1 Hon. Gretchen M. Walsh

2 Hon. Charles D. Woo

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

9 Hon. Gina C. Capone

10 Hon. Victor G. Grossman

11 Hon. Christi J. Acker

12 Hon. Thomas R. Davis

13 Hon. Maria G. Rosa

14 Hon. Elena M. Goldberg-Velazquez

15 Hon. Sandra Sciortino

16 Hon. David J. Squirrell

17 Hon. Maria S. Vazquez-Doles

18 Hon. E. Loren Williams

19 Hon. David S. Zuckerman

20 Hon. Christie L. D'Alessio

21 Hon. Sherri L. Eisenpress

22 Hon. Hal B. Greenwald

23 Hon. Thomas Zugibe

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

28 § 6. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.