STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 21, 2025

Introduced by Sen. SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the family court act and the New York city civil court act, in relation to increasing the number of judges in certain courts

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 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**; provided, however, that there shall be at least three family court judge residents in the county of Richmond**.

§ 2. Subdivision 2-b of section 102-a of the New York city civil court act, as added by chapter 204 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

2-b. [~~Twelve additional~~] **Additional** judges of the civil court of the city of New York shall be elected in and from the residents of the following counties in the indicated numbers: from the county of New York, three; from the county of Bronx, three; from the county of Kings, three; [~~and~~] from the county of Queens, three**; and from the county of Richmond, three**. Such additional judges shall receive the same compensation as the existing judges of the civil court of the city of New York and shall be elected countywide within the city of New York.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that the positions created by sections one and two of this act shall be filled by election at the November 4, 2025 election, for a term to commence on the first day of January, 2026, as if such vacancy occurred on the effective date of this act. Party nominations shall be made as provided for in section 6-116 and 6-158 of the election law, and the independent nominations shall be made as provided for by subdivision 10 of section 6-158 of the election law.

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

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