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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 Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 121 of the family court act, as amended by chapter
2 204 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 121. Number of judges. The family court within the city of New York
4 shall consist of sixty-seven judges, effective January first, two thou-
5 sand twenty-five. There shall be at least one family court judge resi-
6 dent in each county of the city of New York; provided, however, that
7 there shall be at least three family court judge residents in the county
8 of Richmond.

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

12 2-b. [~~Twelve additional~~] Additional judges of the civil court of the
13 city of New York shall be elected in and from the residents of the
14 following counties in the indicated numbers: from the county of New
15 York, three; from the county of Bronx, three; from the county of Kings,
16 three; [~~and~~] from the county of Queens, three; and from the county of
17 Richmond, three. Such additional judges shall receive the same compen-
18 sation as the existing judges of the civil court of the city of New York
19 and shall be elected countywide within the city of New York.

20 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that
21 the positions created by sections one and two of this act shall be
22 filled by election at the November 4, 2025 election, for a term to
23 commence on the first day of January, 2026, as if such vacancy occurred
24 on the effective date of this act. Party nominations shall be made as
25 provided for in section 6-116 and 6-158 of the election law, and the
26 independent nominations shall be made as provided for by subdivision 10
27 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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