§ 102-a. Vacancies and composition of court. 1. The civil court of the city of New York shall consist of one hundred thirty-one judges, all of whom shall be residents of the city of New York. No person may serve in the office of judge of this court after the effective date of this section unless he or she has been admitted to practice law in this state for at least ten years as of the date he or she commences the duties of office.

2. The twenty-five additional judges of the civil court of the city of New York authorized on June first, nineteen hundred sixty-eight by chapter nine hundred eighty-seven of the laws of nineteen hundred sixty-eight shall be elected in and from the residents of the following counties in the indicated numbers: from the county of New York, seven; from the county of Kings, seven; from the county of Queens, six; from the county of Bronx, four; and from the county of Richmond, one. Such additional judges shall receive the same compensation as the existing judges of the civil court of the city of New York. The eleven additional judges of the civil court of the city of New York authorized by this section shall be chosen by the electors of the counties included within the city of New York from districts within such counties as shall be established by law.

2-a. Two 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, one; from the county of Bronx, one. 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.

2-b. Twelve 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. 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.

2-c. Ten additional judges of the civil court of the city of New York shall be elected in and from the residences of the following counties in the indicated numbers:

From the county of Bronx, two, one to be elected from the first municipal court district and one to be elected from the second municipal court district;

From the county of Kings, three, one to be elected from the fourth municipal court district, one to be elected from the sixth municipal court district and one to be elected from the seventh municipal court district;

From the county of New York, two, one to be elected from the third municipal court district and one to be elected from the seventh municipal court district;

From the county of Queens, two, one to be elected from the second municipal court district and one to be elected from the fourth municipal court district; and

From the county of Richmond, one, to be elected from the first municipal court district.

2-d. Ten additional judges of the civil court of the city of New York shall be elected in and from the residences of the following counties in the indicated numbers:

From the county of Bronx, two, one to be elected from the first municipal court district and one to be elected from the second municipal court district;

From the county of Kings, three, one to be elected from the fourth municipal court district, one to be elected from the sixth municipal court district and one to be elected from the seventh municipal court district;

From the county of New York, two, one to be elected from the first municipal court district and one to be elected from the seventh municipal court district;

From the county of Queens, two, one to be elected from the second municipal court district and one to be elected from the fourth municipal court district; and

From the county of Richmond, one, to be elected from the first municipal court district.

3. A vacancy occurring otherwise than by the expiration of term in the office of judge of the civil court of the city of New York shall be filled by the mayor of the city of New York by an appointment which shall continue until and including the last day of December next after the election at which the vacancy shall be filled.

4. Vacancies in the office of judge of the civil court of the city of New York occurring by the expiration of the term on the last day of December, nineteen hundred seventy-eight of a justice elected or appointed to the city court of the city of New York or the municipal court of the city of New York, who was continued as a judge of the civil court pursuant to the provisions of subdivision c of section thirty-five of article six of the constitution, or of their successors, shall be filled for a full term at the general election to be held in November, nineteen hundred seventy-eight. Judges to fill such vacancies shall be chosen by the electors of the county or district from which the judge whose term expires on December thirty-first, nineteen hundred seventy-eight or his predecessor, was elected or appointed.