

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1609

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DIEHL.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 517.081, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to assignment of associate circuit judges.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 517.081, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 517.081, to read as follows:

517.081. A case [shall] **may** be certified for assignment by the presiding judge of the circuit or in accordance with local rules when:

(1) A party files a petition, a counterclaim, cross claim or third-party petition that independently exceeds the jurisdiction of cases triable under this chapter; or

(2) Consolidation of cases appears proper, and such consolidation would result in a claim exceeding the jurisdictional limit of the division.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.