

SCS SB 585 -- JUDICIAL CIRCUITS

SPONSOR: Wasson (Morris)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 9 to 1.

Currently, the 38th Judicial Circuit consists of Christian and Taney counties. Beginning January 1, 2017, this bill divides the current 38th Judicial Circuit into two circuits. Christian County will remain the 38th Judicial Circuit and Taney County will be in the newly created 46th Judicial Circuit. The 46th Judicial Circuit judge must be elected in 2016 for a two-year term.

The bill specifies that any juvenile court employee in a single county circuit that changes from a multi-county circuit on or after August 28, 2016 who receives all salary from the state, shall be a state employee and receive state-provided benefits while employed in that circuit.

The bill contains an emergency clause.

This bill is similar to provisions contained in SS SCS HB 799 (2015).