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# HOUSE BILL NOS. 373 & 435

## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence, May 15, 2013, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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### AN ACT

To repeal sections 477.405, 478.073, 478.075, 478.077, 478.080, 478.085, 478.087, 478.090, 478.093, 478.095, 478.097, 478.100, 478.103, 478.105, 478.107, 478.110, 478.113, 478.115, 478.117, 478.120, 478.123, 478.125, 478.127, 478.130, 478.133, 478.135, 478.137, 478.140, 478.143, 478.145, 478.147, 478.150, 478.153, 478.155, 478.157, 478.160, 478.163, 478.165, 478.167, 478.170, 478.173, 478.175, 478.177, 478.180, 478.183, 478.185, 478.186, 478.320, 478.370, 478.375, 478.385, 478.387, 478.437, 478.463, 478.513, 478.527, 478.550, 478.570, 478.600, 478.610, 478.625, 478.630, 478.690, 478.700, 478.705, 478.710, 478.715, 478.730, 478.750, and 487.010, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty-six new sections relating to judicial resources, with an effective date for certain sections.

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

Section A. Sections 477.405, 478.073, 478.075, 478.077, 478.080, 478.085, 2 478.087, 478.090, 478.093, 478.095, 478.097, 478.100, 478.103, 478.105, 478.107, 3 478.110, 478.113, 478.115, 478.117, 478.120, 478.123, 478.125, 478.127, 478.130, 4 478.133, 478.135, 478.137, 478.140, 478.143, 478.145, 478.147, 478.150, 478.153, 5 478.155, 478.157, 478.160, 478.163, 478.165, 478.167, 478.170, 478.173, 478.175, 6 478.177, 478.180, 478.183, 478.185, 478.186, 478.320, 478.370, 478.375, 478.385, 7 478.387, 478.437, 478.463, 478.513, 478.527, 478.550, 478.570, 478.600, 478.610, 8 478.625, 478.630, 478.690, 478.700, 478.705, 478.710, 478.715, 478.730, 478.750, 9 and 487.010, RSMo, are repealed and twenty-six new sections enacted in lieu 10 thereof, to be known as sections 477.405, 478.011, 478.073, 478.320, 478.370,

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

11 478.375, 478.385, 478.387, 478.437, 478.463, 478.513, 478.527, 478.550, 478.570,  
12 478.600, 478.610, 478.625, 478.630, 478.690, 478.700, 478.705, 478.710, 478.715,  
13 478.730, 478.750, and 487.010, to read as follows:

477.405. On or before [March 1, 1989] **January 1, 2015**, the supreme  
2 court of the state of Missouri shall recommend guidelines appropriate for use by  
3 the general assembly in determining the need for additional judicial personnel or  
4 reallocation of existing personnel in this state, and shall recommend guidelines  
5 appropriate for the evaluation of judicial performance. The guidelines shall be  
6 filed with the [chairmen] **chairs** of the house and senate judiciary committees,  
7 **for distribution to the members of the general assembly**, and the court  
8 shall file therewith **annually** a report measuring and assessing judicial  
9 performance in the appellate and circuit courts of this state, **including a**  
10 **judicial weighted workload model and a clerical weighted workload**  
11 **model.**

478.011. 1. The Missouri supreme court may make permanent  
2 **transfers of judicial positions from one circuit to another as the**  
3 **administration of justice requires, subject to the minimum number of**  
4 **judges set forth in article V of the Constitution of Missouri, and shall**  
5 **establish rules and standards with respect thereto.**

6 2. When a vacancy occurs in a circuit judge or associate circuit  
7 judge position, the supreme court may make a determination to  
8 transfer the vacant position to another circuit.

9 3. For purposes of this section, the term "vacancy" shall mean the  
10 death, retirement, resignation, removal, impeachment, or failure to be  
11 retained of a circuit or associate circuit judge, and vacancy shall not  
12 mean failure to win a partisan election.

13 4. In determining whether the judicial position should be  
14 transferred, the supreme court shall use the following criteria:

15 (1) A current judicial weighted workload model;

16 (2) A current clerical weighted workload model;

17 (3) Whether litigants in the circuit have adequate access to the  
18 courts;

19 (4) The populations of the judicial circuits as determined by the  
20 most recent decennial census of the United States or annual population  
21 estimates prepared by the United States Bureau of the Census;

22 (5) Judicial duties and travel time involved in the circuit; and

23           **(6) Other criteria that the supreme court deems relevant.**

24           **5. If the supreme court decides to transfer the judicial position,**  
25 **the position shall be filled in the manner provided by law for that**  
26 **circuit, and the position vacated shall cease to exist at the time the new**  
27 **position is filled.**

28           **6. The total number of circuit judge and associate circuit judge**  
29 **positions in existence as of August 28, 2013, shall not be altered, unless**  
30 **by law, and any supreme court order changing the total number of**  
31 **judicial positions, through either creation or elimination, shall be null**  
32 **and void.**

33           **7. The supreme court shall submit to the chief clerk of the house**  
34 **of representatives and the secretary of the senate a report containing**  
35 **the judicial position which was transferred along with supporting**  
36 **information used in the determination to make the transfer.**

37           **8. The authority granted to the supreme court in this section**  
38 **shall supersede and prevail over sections 478.320, 478.370, 478.375,**  
39 **478.385, 478.387, 478.437, 478.463, 478.513, 478.527, 478.550, 478.570,**  
40 **478.600, 478.610, 478.625, 478.630, 478.690, 478.700, 478.705, 478.710,**  
41 **478.715, 478.730, and 478.750.**

          478.073. [The state is divided into the judicial circuits numbered and  
2 described in the following sections.] **1. As set forth in this section, the**  
3 **general assembly authorizes the supreme court to alter the**  
4 **geographical boundaries and territorial jurisdiction of the judicial**  
5 **circuits by means of a circuit realignment plan as the administration**  
6 **of justice may require, subject to the requirements set forth in article**  
7 **V of the Constitution of Missouri.**

8           **(1) Beginning in 2020, and every twenty years thereafter, within**  
9 **the first thirty calendar days of the regular legislative session, the**  
10 **supreme court shall submit to both houses of the general assembly**  
11 **concurrently a circuit realignment plan for the alteration of the**  
12 **geographical boundaries and territorial jurisdiction of the judicial**  
13 **circuits. Along with a statement of the numbers and boundaries of the**  
14 **proposed judicial circuits together with a map of the proposed judicial**  
15 **circuits, the supreme court shall submit to the general assembly an**  
16 **analysis of the following supporting information:**

17           **(a) A current judicial weighted workload model;**

18           **(b) A current clerical weighted workload model;**

19           **(c) Whether litigants in the current circuits have adequate access**  
20 **to the courts;**

21           **(d) The populations of the current and proposed judicial circuits**  
22 **determined on the basis of the most recent decennial census of the**  
23 **United States or annual population estimates prepared by the United**  
24 **States Bureau of the Census, but that population shall not be the sole**  
25 **factor when determining the boundaries;**

26           **(e) Judicial duties and travel time;**

27           **(f) Historical connections between counties in the judicial**  
28 **circuits; and**

29           **(g) Other information deemed relevant by the supreme court.**

30           **(2) Once submitted to both houses, a circuit realignment plan**  
31 **shall become effective January first of the year following the session of**  
32 **the general assembly to which it is submitted, unless it is disapproved**  
33 **within sixty calendar days of its submission to a regular session by a**  
34 **senate or house concurrent resolution introduced within fifteen**  
35 **calendar days of the submission of the plan and adopted by a majority**  
36 **vote of the elected members of each house.**

37           **(3) The circuit realignment plan submitted by the supreme court**  
38 **may only be rejected in its entirety and shall not be subject to**  
39 **amendment by either house.**

40           **2. A circuit realignment plan shall not alter the total number of**  
41 **judicial circuits in existence on December 31, 2019, and any circuit**  
42 **realignment plan creating or reducing the number of judicial circuits**  
43 **shall be null and void.**

44           **3. A circuit realignment plan not disapproved by concurrent**  
45 **resolution in the manner set forth in this section shall be considered**  
46 **for all purposes as the equivalent in force, effect, and intent of a public**  
47 **act of the state upon its taking effect, and it shall be published by the**  
48 **revisor of statutes together with the laws adopted by the general**  
49 **assembly during the session in which the plan is submitted.**

478.320. 1. In counties having a population of thirty thousand or less,  
2 there shall be one associate circuit judge. In counties having a population of  
3 more than thirty thousand and less than one hundred thousand, there shall be  
4 two associate circuit judges. In counties having a population of one hundred  
5 thousand or more, there shall be three associate circuit judges and one additional  
6 associate circuit judge for each additional one hundred thousand inhabitants.

7           2. **When the office of state courts administrator indicates in an**  
8 **annual judicial weighted workload model for three consecutive years**  
9 **or more the need for four or more full-time judicial positions in any**  
10 **judicial circuit having a population of one hundred thousand or more,**  
11 **there shall be one additional associate circuit judge position in such**  
12 **circuit for every four full-time judicial positions needed as indicated in**  
13 **the weighted workload model. In a multicounty circuit, the additional**  
14 **associate circuit judge positions shall be apportioned among the**  
15 **counties in the circuit on the basis of population, starting with the**  
16 **most populous county, then the next most populous county, and so**  
17 **forth.**

18           3. For purposes of this section, notwithstanding the provisions of section  
19 1.100, population of a county shall be determined on the basis of the last previous  
20 decennial census of the United States; and, beginning after certification of the  
21 year 2000 decennial census, on the basis of annual population estimates prepared  
22 by the United States Bureau of the Census, provided that the number of associate  
23 circuit judge positions in a county shall be adjusted only after population  
24 estimates for three consecutive years indicate population change in the county to  
25 a level provided by subsection 1 of this section.

26           [3.] 4. Except in circuits where associate circuit judges are selected under  
27 the provisions of sections 25(a) to (g) of article V of the constitution, the election  
28 of associate circuit judges shall in all respects be conducted as other elections and  
29 the returns made as for other officers.

30           [4.] 5. In counties not subject to sections 25(a) to (g) of article V of the  
31 constitution, associate circuit judges shall be elected by the county at large.

32           [5.] 6. No associate circuit judge shall practice law, or do a law business,  
33 nor shall he **or she** accept, during his **or her** term of office, any public  
34 appointment for which he **or she** receives compensation for his **or her** services.

35           [6.] 7. No person shall be elected as an associate circuit judge unless he  
36 **or she** has resided in the county for which he **or she** is to be elected at least one  
37 year prior to the date of his **or her** election; provided that, a person who is  
38 appointed by the governor to fill a vacancy may file for election and be elected  
39 notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection.

478.370. 1. **Until the supreme court acts to transfer judicial**  
2 **positions, as the administration of justice requires, pursuant to the**  
3 **authority granted to it under section 478.011, there shall be four circuit**

4 judges in the fifth judicial circuit consisting of the counties of Buchanan and  
5 Andrew. These judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two, three and four.  
6 2. The circuit judge in division two shall be elected in 1980. The circuit  
7 judges in divisions one, three and four shall be elected in 1982.

478.375. **Until the supreme court acts to transfer judicial**  
2 **positions, as the administration of justice requires, pursuant to the**  
3 **authority granted to it under section 478.011,** at such time as a new jail or  
4 law enforcement center is constructed within the sixth judicial circuit, a new  
5 circuit judgeship shall be added.

478.385. **Until the supreme court acts to transfer judicial**  
2 **positions, as the administration of justice requires, pursuant to the**  
3 **authority granted to it under section 478.011,** there shall be four circuit  
4 judges in the seventh judicial circuit consisting of the county of Clay.

478.387. **Until the supreme court acts to transfer judicial**  
2 **positions, as the administration of justice requires, pursuant to the**  
3 **authority granted to it under section 478.011,** there shall be twenty-four  
4 circuit judges in the twenty-second judicial circuit consisting of the city of St.  
5 Louis.

478.437. **Until the supreme court acts to transfer judicial**  
2 **positions, as the administration of justice requires, pursuant to the**  
3 **authority granted to it under section 478.011,** the circuit court of the county  
4 of St. Louis, comprising circuit number twenty-one, shall be composed of nineteen  
5 divisions and nineteen judges and each of the judges shall separately try causes,  
6 exercise the powers and perform all the duties imposed upon circuit judges.

478.463. **Until the supreme court acts to transfer judicial**  
2 **positions, as the administration of justice requires, pursuant to the**  
3 **authority granted to it under section 478.011,** there shall be nineteen  
4 circuit judges in the sixteenth judicial circuit consisting of the county of  
5 Jackson. These judges shall sit in nineteen divisions. Divisions one, three, four,  
6 six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen and eighteen  
7 shall sit at the city of Kansas City and divisions two, five, sixteen and seventeen  
8 shall sit at the city of Independence. Division nineteen shall sit at both the city  
9 of Kansas City and the city of Independence. Notwithstanding the foregoing  
10 provisions, the judge of the probate division shall sit at both the city of Kansas  
11 City and the city of Independence.

478.513. 1. **Until the supreme court acts to transfer judicial**

2 **positions, as the administration of justice requires, pursuant to the**  
3 **authority granted to it under section 478.011**, there shall be five circuit  
4 judges in the thirty-first judicial circuit consisting of the county of Greene. These  
5 judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two, three, four and five.

6 2. The circuit judge in division three shall be elected in 1980. The circuit  
7 judges in divisions one, four and five shall be elected in 1982. The circuit judge  
8 in division two shall be elected in 1984.

478.527. 1. **Until the supreme court acts to transfer judicial**  
2 **positions, as the administration of justice requires, pursuant to the**  
3 **authority granted to it under section 478.011**, there shall be three circuit  
4 judges in the twenty-ninth judicial circuit consisting of the county of  
5 Jasper. These judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two and three.

6 2. The circuit judge of division two shall be elected in 1980. The circuit  
7 judges of divisions one and three shall be elected in 1982.

478.550. 1. **Until the supreme court acts to transfer judicial**  
2 **positions, as the administration of justice requires, pursuant to the**  
3 **authority granted to it under section 478.011**, there shall be four circuit  
4 judges in the twenty-third judicial circuit consisting of the county of  
5 Jefferson. These judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two, three and  
6 four. Beginning on January 1, 2007, there shall be six circuit judges in the  
7 twenty-third judicial district and these judges shall sit in divisions numbered one,  
8 two, three, four, five, and six. The division eleven associate circuit judge position  
9 and the division twelve associate circuit judge shall become circuit judge positions  
10 beginning January 1, 2007. The division eleven associate circuit judge shall be  
11 numbered as division five and the division twelve associate circuit judge shall be  
12 numbered as division six.

13 2. The circuit judge in division three shall be elected in 1980. The circuit  
14 judges in divisions one and four shall be elected in 1982. The circuit judge in  
15 division two shall be elected in 1984. The circuit judges in divisions five and six  
16 shall be elected for a six-year term in 2006.

17 3. Beginning January 1, 2007, the family court commissioner position in  
18 the twenty-third judicial district appointed under section 487.020 shall become  
19 an associate circuit judge position in all respects and shall be designated as  
20 division eleven. This position may retain the duties and responsibilities with  
21 regard to the family court. The associate circuit judge in division eleven shall be  
22 elected in 2006 for a full four-year term. This associate circuit judgeship shall

23 not be included in the statutory formula for authorizing additional associate  
24 circuit judgeships per county under section 478.320.

25 4. Beginning January 1, 2007, the drug court commissioner position in the  
26 twenty-third judicial district appointed under section 478.003 shall become an  
27 associate circuit judge position in all respects and shall be designated as division  
28 twelve. This position may retain the duties and responsibilities with regard to  
29 the drug court. The associate circuit judge in division twelve shall be elected in  
30 2006 for a full four-year term. This associate circuit judgeship shall not be  
31 included in the statutory formula for authorizing additional associate circuit  
32 judgeships per county under section 478.320.

478.570. 1. **Until the supreme court acts to transfer judicial**  
2 **positions, as the administration of justice requires, pursuant to the**  
3 **authority granted to it under section 478.011**, there shall be two circuit  
4 judges in the seventeenth judicial circuit consisting of the counties of Cass and  
5 Johnson. These judges shall sit in divisions numbered one and two.

6 2. The circuit judge in division two shall be elected in 1980. The circuit  
7 judge in division one shall be elected in 1982.

8 3. Beginning on January 1, 2006, there shall be one additional associate  
9 circuit judge position in Cass County than is provided under section 478.320.

478.600. 1. **Until the supreme court acts to transfer judicial**  
2 **positions, as the administration of justice requires, pursuant to the**  
3 **authority granted to it under section 478.011**, there shall be four circuit  
4 judges in the eleventh judicial circuit consisting of the county of St. Charles.  
5 These judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two, three and four. Beginning  
6 on January 1, 2007, there shall be six circuit judges in the eleventh judicial  
7 circuit and these judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two, three, four, five,  
8 and seven. The division five associate circuit judge position and the division  
9 seven associate circuit judge position shall become circuit judge positions  
10 beginning January 1, 2007, and shall be numbered as divisions five and seven.

11 2. The circuit judge in division two shall be elected in 1980. The circuit  
12 judge in division four shall be elected in 1982. The circuit judge in division one  
13 shall be elected in 1984. The circuit judge in division three shall be elected in  
14 1992. The circuit judges in divisions five and seven shall be elected for a six-year  
15 term in 2006.

16 3. Beginning January 1, 2007, the family court commissioner positions in  
17 the eleventh judicial circuit appointed under section 487.020 shall become



18 associate circuit judge positions in all respects and shall be designated as  
19 divisions nine and ten respectively. These positions may retain the duties and  
20 responsibilities with regard to the family court. The associate circuit judges in  
21 divisions nine and ten shall be elected in 2006 for full four-year terms.

22 4. Beginning on January 1, 2007, the drug court commissioner position in  
23 the eleventh judicial circuit appointed under section 478.003 shall become an  
24 associate circuit judge position in all respects and shall be designated as division  
25 eleven. This position retains the duties and responsibilities with regard to the  
26 drug court. Such associate circuit judge shall be elected in 2006 for a full  
27 four-year term. This associate circuit judgeship shall not be included in the  
28 statutory formula for authorizing additional associate circuit judgeships per  
29 county under section 478.320.

478.610. 1. **Until the supreme court acts to transfer judicial**  
2 **positions, as the administration of justice requires, pursuant to the**  
3 **authority granted to it under section 478.011**, there shall be three circuit  
4 judges in the thirteenth judicial circuit consisting of the counties of Boone and  
5 Callaway. These judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two and  
6 three. Beginning on January 1, 2007, there shall be four circuit judges in the  
7 thirteenth judicial circuit and these judges shall sit in divisions numbered one,  
8 two, three, and four.

9 2. The circuit judge in division two shall be elected in 1980. The circuit  
10 judges in divisions one and three shall be elected in 1982. The circuit judge in  
11 division four shall be elected in 2006 for a two-year term and thereafter in 2008  
12 for a full six-year term.

13 3. The authority for a majority of judges of the thirteenth judicial circuit  
14 to appoint or retain a commissioner pursuant to section 478.003 shall expire  
15 August 28, 2001. As of such date, there shall be one additional associate circuit  
16 judge position in Boone County than is provided pursuant to section 478.320.

478.625. 1. **Until the supreme court acts to transfer judicial**  
2 **positions, as the administration of justice requires, pursuant to the**  
3 **authority granted to it under section 478.011**, beginning on January 1,  
4 2003, there shall be three circuit judges in the nineteenth judicial circuit  
5 consisting of the county of Cole.

6 2. One circuit judge shall be first elected in 1982. The second circuit  
7 judge shall be first elected in 1984. The third circuit judge shall be first elected  
8 in 2002.

9           3. Effective January 1, 2003, there shall be one less associate circuit judge  
10 in Cole County than is provided pursuant to section 478.320.

          478.630. 1. **Until the supreme court acts to transfer judicial**  
2 **positions, as the administration of justice requires, pursuant to the**  
3 **authority granted to it under section 478.011,** there shall be two circuit  
4 judges in the twentieth judicial circuit consisting of the counties of Franklin,  
5 Gasconade and Osage. These judges shall sit in divisions numbered one and two.

6           2. The circuit judge in division two shall be elected in 1980. The circuit  
7 judge in division one shall be elected in 1982.

          478.690. 1. **Until the supreme court acts to transfer judicial**  
2 **positions, as the administration of justice requires, pursuant to the**  
3 **authority granted to it under section 478.011,** there shall be two circuit  
4 judges in the twenty-fourth judicial circuit consisting of the counties of Madison,  
5 St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve and Washington. These judges shall sit in divisions  
6 numbered one and two.

7           2. The circuit judges in divisions one and two shall be elected in 1982.

          478.700. 1. **Until the supreme court acts to transfer judicial**  
2 **positions, as the administration of justice requires, pursuant to the**  
3 **authority granted to it under section 478.011,** there shall be two circuit  
4 judges in the twenty-fifth judicial circuit consisting of the counties of Maries,  
5 Phelps, Pulaski and Texas. These judges shall sit in divisions numbered one and  
6 two.

7           2. The circuit judge in division two shall be elected in 1980. The circuit  
8 judge in division one shall be elected in 1982.

          478.705. 1. **Until the supreme court acts to transfer judicial**  
2 **positions, as the administration of justice requires, pursuant to the**  
3 **authority granted to it under section 478.011,** there shall be two circuit  
4 judges in the twenty-sixth judicial circuit consisting of the counties of Camden,  
5 Laclede, Miller, Moniteau and Morgan. These judges shall sit in divisions  
6 numbered one and two.

7           2. The circuit judge in division two shall be elected in 1980. The circuit  
8 judge in division one shall be elected in 1982.

          478.710. 1. **Until the supreme court acts to transfer judicial**  
2 **positions, as the administration of justice requires, pursuant to the**  
3 **authority granted to it under section 478.011,** there shall be two circuit  
4 judges in the thirty-second judicial circuit consisting of the counties of Perry,

5 Bollinger and Cape Girardeau. These judges shall sit in two divisions numbered  
6 one and two.

7 2. The circuit judge in division two shall be elected in 1982. The circuit  
8 judge in division one shall be elected in 1984.

478.715. 1. **Until the supreme court acts to transfer judicial**  
2 **positions, as the administration of justice requires, pursuant to the**  
3 **authority granted to it under section 478.011,** there shall be two circuit  
4 judges in the forty-second judicial circuit consisting of the counties of Crawford,  
5 Dent, Iron, Reynolds and Wayne. These judges shall sit in divisions numbered  
6 one and two.

7 2. The circuit judge in division one shall be elected in 1982. The circuit  
8 judge in division two shall be elected in 1984.

478.730. **Until the supreme court acts to transfer judicial**  
2 **positions, as the administration of justice requires, pursuant to the**  
3 **authority granted to it under section 478.011,** there shall be one circuit  
4 judge in the forty-fourth judicial circuit consisting of the counties of Douglas,  
5 Ozark, and Wright. The first judge to sit in this circuit shall be appointed by the  
6 governor on January 1, 1982, and shall serve until his successor is duly elected  
7 in 1982 and takes office on the first Monday in January of 1983.

478.750. 1. **Until the supreme court acts to transfer judicial**  
2 **positions, as the administration of justice requires, pursuant to the**  
3 **authority granted to it under section 478.011,** as of January 1, 1983, there  
4 shall be two circuit judges in the forty-third judicial circuit consisting of the  
5 counties of Clinton, Caldwell, Daviess, Livingston, and DeKalb. These judges  
6 shall sit in divisions numbered one and two.

7 2. A circuit judge shall be elected for each division in 1982. Candidates  
8 for the office of circuit judge shall file by division.

487.010. 1. [There is hereby created in the circuit court of the following  
2 judicial circuits of the state, a division or divisions to be designated as provided  
3 in sections 487.010 to 487.190, which shall be the family court:

- 4 (1) Circuit number seven, consisting of the county of Clay;
- 5 (2) Circuit number thirteen, consisting of Callaway and Boone;
- 6 (3) Circuit number sixteen, consisting of the county of Jackson;
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- 8 (4) Circuit number twenty-one, consisting of the county of St. Louis;
- 9 (5) Circuit number twenty-two, consisting of the city of St. Louis;

10 (6) Circuit number thirty-one, consisting of the county of Greene; and  
11 (7) Any other circuit which chooses, by local court rule, to have a family  
12 court as provided in sections 487.010 to 487.190.

13 2.] The majority of the circuit judges and associate circuit judges en banc,  
14 in the circuit, may designate, by local court rule, a family court in a county in the  
15 circuit as provided in sections 487.010 to 487.190.

16 [3.] 2. The presiding judge of each circuit where the circuit or a county  
17 in the circuit has a family court shall designate the division or divisions of the  
18 circuit court that shall be the family court. In those circuits with split venue, a  
19 division shall be designated in each venue.

20 [4.] 3. In each circuit having more than one division designated as the  
21 family court, the presiding judge shall designate from the divisions so designated  
22 an administrative judge of the family court.

23 [5.] 4. In any circuit with a county with split venue, there shall be at  
24 least one circuit judge assigned to the family court for each block of one hundred  
25 sixty thousand persons, or portion of such block, based upon the latest decennial  
26 national census.

27 [6.] 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the  
28 contrary, the judges of the court en banc may remove a judge from his duties as  
29 a family court judge and may assign a new judge to sit as the family court judge.

30 **6. This section shall not be construed as eliminating any family**  
31 **courts in existence as of December 31, 2019.**

[478.075. Circuit number one shall consist of the counties  
2 of Clark, Schuyler and Scotland.]

[478.077. Circuit number two shall consist of the counties  
2 of Adair, Knox and Lewis.]

[478.080. Circuit number three shall consist of the counties  
2 of Grundy, Harrison, Mercer and Putnam.]

[478.085. Circuit number four shall consist of the counties  
2 of Holt, Atchison, Gentry, Nodaway and Worth.]

[478.087. Circuit number five shall consist of the counties  
2 of Buchanan and Andrew.]

[478.090. Circuit number six shall consist of the county of  
2 Platte.]

[478.093. Circuit number seven shall consist of the county  
2 of Clay.]

2 [478.095. Circuit number eight shall consist of the counties  
2 of Carroll and Ray.]

2 [478.097. Circuit number nine shall consist of the counties  
2 of Chariton, Linn and Sullivan.]

2 [478.100. Circuit number ten shall consist of the counties  
2 of Marion, Monroe and Ralls.]

2 [478.103. 1. Until August 28, 1991, circuit number eleven  
2 shall consist of the counties of Lincoln, Pike and St. Charles.

3 2. Beginning August 29, 1991, circuit number eleven shall  
4 consist of the county of St. Charles.]

2 [478.105. Circuit number twelve shall consist of the  
2 counties of Audrain, Montgomery and Warren.]

2 [478.107. Circuit number thirteen shall consist of the  
2 counties of Boone and Callaway.]

2 [478.110. Circuit number fourteen shall consist of the  
2 counties of Howard and Randolph.]

2 [478.113. Circuit number fifteen shall consist of the  
2 counties of Lafayette and Saline.]

2 [478.115. Circuit number sixteen shall consist of the county  
2 of Jackson.]

2 [478.117. Circuit number seventeen shall consist of the  
2 counties of Cass and Johnson.]

2 [478.120. Circuit number eighteen shall consist of the  
2 counties of Cooper and Pettis.]

2 [478.123. Circuit number nineteen shall consist of the  
2 county of Cole.]

2 [478.125. Circuit number twenty shall consist of the  
2 counties of Franklin, Gasconade and Osage.]

2 [478.127. Circuit number twenty-one shall consist of the  
2 county of St. Louis.]

2 [478.130. Circuit number twenty-two shall consist of the  
2 city of St. Louis.]

2 [478.133. Circuit number twenty-three shall consist of  
2 Jefferson County.]

2 [478.135. Circuit number twenty-four shall consist of the  
2 counties of Madison, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve and Washington.]

2 [478.137. Circuit number twenty-five shall consist of the  
counties of Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Texas.]

2 [478.140. Circuit number twenty-six shall consist of the  
counties of Camden, Laclede, Miller, Moniteau and Morgan.]

2 [478.143. Circuit number twenty-seven shall consist of the  
counties of Bates, Henry and St. Clair.]

2 [478.145. Circuit number twenty-eight shall consist of the  
counties of Barton, Cedar, Dade and Vernon.]

2 [478.147. Circuit number twenty-nine shall consist of the  
county of Jasper.]

2 [478.150. Circuit number thirty shall consist of the counties  
of Benton, Dallas, Hickory, Polk and Webster.]

2 [478.153. Circuit number thirty-one shall consist of the  
county of Greene.]

2 [478.155. Circuit number thirty-two shall consist of the  
counties of Perry, Bollinger and Cape Girardeau.]

2 [478.157. Circuit number thirty-three shall consist of the  
counties of Mississippi and Scott.]

2 [478.160. Circuit number thirty-four shall consist of the  
counties of New Madrid and Pemiscot.]

2 [478.163. Circuit number thirty-five shall consist of the  
counties of Dunklin and Stoddard.]

2 [478.165. Circuit number thirty-six shall consist of the  
counties of Butler and Ripley.]

2 [478.167. Circuit number thirty-seven shall consist of the  
counties of Carter, Howell, Oregon and Shannon.]

2 [478.170. Circuit number thirty-eight shall consist of the  
counties of Christian and Taney.]

2 [478.173. Circuit number thirty-nine shall consist of the  
counties of Barry, Lawrence and Stone.]

2 [478.175. Circuit number forty shall consist of the counties  
of McDonald and Newton.]

2 [478.177. Circuit number forty-one shall consist of the  
counties of Macon and Shelby.]

2 [478.180. Circuit number forty-two shall consist of the  
counties of Crawford, Dent, Iron, Reynolds and Wayne.]

2 [478.183. Circuit number forty-three shall consist of the  
counties of Clinton, Caldwell, Daviess, Livingston, and DeKalb.]

2 [478.185. Circuit number forty-four shall consist of the  
counties of Douglas, Ozark, and Wright.]

2 [478.186. 1. Beginning August 29, 1991, circuit number  
forty-five shall consist of the counties of Lincoln and Pike.

3 2. The circuit court judge who sat in division three of the  
4 eleventh judicial circuit on August 28, 1991, shall beginning  
5 August 29, 1991, be the circuit judge of the forty-fifth judicial  
6 circuit and shall hold office for the remainder of the term to which  
7 he was elected or appointed, and until his successor is elected and  
8 qualified.]

Section B. The repeal of sections 478.075, 478.077, 478.080, 478.085,  
2 478.087, 478.090, 478.093, 478.095, 478.097, 478.100, 478.103, 478.105, 478.107,  
3 478.110, 478.113, 478.115, 478.117, 478.120, 478.123, 478.125, 478.127, 478.130,  
4 478.133, 478.135, 478.137, 478.140, 478.143, 478.145, 478.147, 478.150, 478.153,  
5 478.155, 478.157, 478.160, 478.163, 478.165, 478.167, 478.170, 478.173, 478.175,  
6 478.177, 478.180, 478.183, 478.185, 478.186, and the repeal and reenactment of  
7 section 487.010 shall become effective December 31, 2019.

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