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An act to amend Sections 69580, 69592, 69594, and 69600 of, and to add Section 69614.4 to, the Government Code, relating to judges.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 69580 of the Government Code is amended to read:

69580. In the County of Alameda there are ~~69~~ 67 judges of the superior court.

SEC. 2. Section 69592 of the Government Code is amended to read:

69592. In the County of Riverside there are ~~49~~ 51 judges of the superior court.

SEC. 3. Section 69594 of the Government Code is amended to read:

69594. In the County of San Bernardino there are ~~63~~ 65 judges of the superior court.

SEC. 4. Section 69600 of the Government Code is amended to read:

69600. In the County of Santa Clara there are ~~79~~ 77 judges of the superior court.

SEC. 5. Section 69614.4 is added to the Government Code, to read:

69614.4. Notwithstanding any other law, two vacant judgeships from the County of Santa Clara Superior Court shall be reallocated to the County of Riverside Superior Court, and two vacant judgeships from the County of Alameda Superior Court shall be reallocated to the County of San Bernardino Superior Court. The Judicial Council shall determine which specific vacancies shall be transferred between counties pursuant to this section and take all necessary steps to effectuate each transfer. The term of the judgeships specified in this section shall begin on January 2, 2017.



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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.

as introduced, _____.

General Subject: Superior court judges.

Existing law specifies the number of judges for the superior court of each county. Existing law allocates additional judgeships to the various counties in accordance with uniform standards for factually determining additional need in each county, as updated and approved by the Judicial Council, based on specified criteria, including, among others, workload standards that represent the average amount of time of bench and nonbench work required to resolve each case type.

This bill would reallocate 2 vacant judgeships from the County of Santa Clara Superior Court to the County of Riverside Superior Court and 2 vacant judgeships from the County of Alameda Superior Court to the County of San Bernardino Superior Court. The bill would require the Judicial Council to determine which specific vacancies would be transferred between counties pursuant to this provision and to take all



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necessary steps to effectuate each transfer. The bill would provide that the term of the judgeships would begin on January 2, 2017. The bill would make conforming changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.



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