

HOUSE BILL 905

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16,
Chapter 2, relative to judicial districts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(13)(A), is amended by redesignating the current language as subdivision (13)(A)(i) and adding the following language as a new subdivision (13)(A)(ii):

(ii) Effective September 1, 2023, there is created in the thirteenth judicial district one (1) additional circuit court to be designated as part III. The governor shall appoint a person to serve as judge of part III of the circuit court, and the person so appointed shall serve in that capacity until September 1, 2024, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. At the August 2024 general election, the qualified voters of the thirteenth judicial district shall elect, in accordance with § 16-2-505, one (1) person to serve as judge of part III of the circuit court created by this section. The person so elected at the August 2024 election shall hold office until September 1, 2030, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. Thereafter, the judge of part III of the circuit court shall be elected for a full eight-year term.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(19)(A), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(viii) Effective September 1, 2023, there is created in the nineteenth judicial district one (1) additional circuit court to be designated as part VI. The governor shall appoint a person to serve as judge of part VI of the circuit court, and the person so appointed shall serve in that capacity until September 1, 2024, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. At the August 2024 general election, the qualified

voters of the nineteenth judicial district shall elect, in accordance with § 16-2-505, one (1) person to serve as judge of part VI of the circuit court. The person so elected at the August 2024 general election shall hold office until September 1, 2030, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. Thereafter, the judge of part VI of the circuit court shall be elected for a full eight-year term.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(19)(A), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(ix) Effective September 1, 2023, there is created in the nineteenth judicial district one (1) additional chancery court. The governor shall appoint a person to serve as chancellor of the chancery court created by this section, and the person so appointed shall serve in that capacity until September 1, 2024, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. At the August 2024 general election, the qualified voters of the nineteenth judicial district shall elect, in accordance with § 16-2-505, one (1) person to serve as chancellor of the newly created chancery court. The person so elected at the August 2024 general election shall hold office until September 1, 2030, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. Thereafter, the chancellor of the chancery court created by this subdivision (19)(A)(ix) shall be elected for a full eight-year term.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(22)(A), is amended by redesignating the current language as subdivision (22)(A)(i) and adding the following language as a new subdivision (22)(A)(ii):

(ii) Effective September 1, 2023, there is created in the twenty-second judicial district one (1) additional circuit court to be designated as division V. The governor shall appoint a person to serve as judge of division V of the circuit court, and the person so appointed shall serve in that capacity until September 1, 2024, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. At the August 2024 general election, the qualified

voters of the twenty-second judicial district shall elect, in accordance with § 16-2-505, one (1) person to serve as judge of division V. The person so elected at the August 2024 election shall hold office until September 1, 2030, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. Thereafter, the judge of division V of the circuit court shall be elected for a full eight-year term.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(23)(A), is amended by redesignating the current language as subdivision (23)(A)(i) and adding the following language as a new subdivision (23)(A)(ii):

(ii) Effective September 1, 2023, there is created in the twenty-third judicial district one (1) additional circuit court to be designated as division IV. The governor shall appoint a person to serve as judge of division IV of the circuit court, and the person so appointed shall serve in that capacity until September 1, 2024, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. At the August 2024 general election, the qualified voters of the twenty-third judicial district shall elect, in accordance with § 16-2-505, one (1) person to serve as judge of division IV of the circuit court. The person so elected at the August 2024 election shall hold office until September 1, 2030, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. Thereafter, the judge of division IV of the circuit court shall be elected for a full eight-year term.

SECTION 6. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.