



Bill Number: H.B. 2723

Leach Floor Amendment

Reference to: House Engrossed Bill

Amendment drafted by: Leg Council

FLOOR AMENDMENT EXPLANATION

- 1. Specifies that the requirement for civil cases to be assigned to judges through either automated means or a formula only applies to superior court judges in Maricopa and Pima county.**
- 2. Requires the superior court, in an emergency matter or when a judge becomes unavailable, to assign a judge in a blind manner while accounting for judicial availability.**
- 3. Allows the superior court to deviate from a blind assignment protocol to ensure that tax, complex, commercial and water rights cases are assigned to appropriate specialty courts.**
- 4. Removes the specification that the assignment of cases must be unpredictable and provide for equal distribution of cases among civil trial divisions.**
- 5. Specifies that a judge may not refuse to accept an assigned case unless good cause exists, or a court rule or ethical consideration requires or allows for refusal.**
- 6. Makes technical changes.**

Amendment explanation prepared by Zack Dean

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SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2723
(Reference to House engrossed bill)

- 1 Page 1, line 5, strike "TRIAL"; after the second "A" insert "SUPERIOR COURT";
2 after "JUDGE" insert "IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF MORE THAN ONE
3 MILLION PERSONS"
4 Line 7, strike "RANDOM" insert "BLIND"; after "MANNER" insert a period strike
5 remainder of line
6 Strike lines 8 and 9, insert "IN AN EMERGENCY MATTER OR WHEN A JUDGE WHO IS
7 ASSIGNED TO A CASE BECOMES UNAVAILABLE, THE SUPERIOR COURT MUST ASSIGN A
8 JUDGE IN A BLIND MANNER, EXCEPT THAT THE SUPERIOR COURT MAY ACCOUNT FOR
9 JUDICIAL AVAILABILITY. THE SUPERIOR COURT MAY DEVIATE FROM A BLIND
10 ASSIGNMENT PROTOCOL TO ENSURE THAT CASES ARE ASSIGNED TO APPROPRIATE
11 SPECIALTY COURTS FOR TAX, COMPLEX, COMMERCIAL AND WATER RIGHTS CASES."
12 Line 10, strike "SUPERIOR COURT"; strike "OR" insert "A CASE FOR ASSIGNMENT TO
13 THE JUDGE. A JUDGE MAY NOT"
14 Line 11, strike "EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST" insert "GOOD CAUSE
15 EXISTS"; after "RULE" insert "OR ETHICAL CONSIDERATION"
16 Line 12, strike "PROHIBITS THE ASSIGNMENT" insert "ALLOWS FOR REFUSAL"
17 Amend title to conform

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