

House Engrossed
civil case assignment; judges

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HOUSE BILL 2723

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 12, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 12-137; RELATING TO THE SUPERIOR COURT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 12, chapter 1, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 12-137, to read:

4 12-137. Civil case assignment

5 A. THE ASSIGNMENT OF A CIVIL TRIAL CASE TO A JUDGE MUST BE DONE BY
6 EITHER AUTOMATED MEANS OR A FORMULA THAT IS APPROVED BY THE SUPREME COURT
7 AND MUST BE DONE IN A RANDOM MANNER SO THAT THE ASSIGNMENT IS
8 UNPREDICTABLE AND PROVIDES AN EQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF CASES AMONG THE CIVIL
9 TRIAL DIVISIONS IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

10 B. A SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE MAY NOT SELECT OR REFUSE TO ACCEPT AN
11 ASSIGNED CASE UNLESS EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST OR A COURT RULE
12 REQUIRES OR PROHIBITS THE ASSIGNMENT.