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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5500 AS INTRODUCED 2-14-90

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to authorize the creation of new circuit and district judgeships as shown below. The creation of each new judgeship would require local approval, by the appropriate boards of county commissioners (for circuit judgeships) or the governing bodies of appropriate district control units (for district judgeships). For a new judgeship to be filled, a resolution adopted by the appropriate local body must be filed with the state court administrator. The bill would allow the resolution to be filed before, on, or after the effective date of this bill, but specifies that a resolution filed before the effective date would be valid only if filed during the two-year legislative session during which the act was amended. The deadline for filing a resolution approving of a circuit or district judgeship would be changed from the thirteenth to the sixteenth Tuesday preceding the August primary for the election to fill the additional judgeship. (This conforms to other recent legislation moving up filing deadlines for primaries to allow earlier ballot preparation.)

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Most of the new judgeships would be effective January 1, 1991; the exceptions would be Twentieth Circuit (Ottawa) and the Eighty-seventh District (Kalkaska, Antrim and Otsego), which would have their new judgeships authorized commencing January 1, 1993. Initial terms of most of the new district judgeships filled by the 1990 election would be limited to four years; exceptions would be the Nineteenth (Dearborn), Thirty-fifth (Northville, Plymouth), and Fifty-eighth (Ottawa county) districts.

New judgeships would be authorized as follows:

<u>Circuit</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Existing</u>
16th (Macomb)	1	8
20th (Ottawa)	1	2
48th (Allegan)	1	1
<u>District</u>		
3rd (2nd division; St. Joseph county)	1	1
19th (Dearborn)	2	2
31st (Hamtramck)	1	1
34th (Romulus, Belleville)	1	2
35th (Northville, Plymouth)	1	2
47th (Farmington, Farmington Hills)	1	2
58th (Ottawa county)	1	3
64th-A (Ionia county)	1	1
82nd (Alcona, Oscoda, Ogemaw counties)	1	1
87th (Kalkaska, Antrim, Otsego counties)	1	1

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