

# HOUSE BILL No. 4498

March 20, 2007, Introduced by Rep. Virgil Smith and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled  
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"  
(MCL 600.1 to 600.9947) by adding section 569.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           SEC. 569. (1) IN EACH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HAVING 3 OR MORE  
2 JUDGES, THE JUDGES OF THAT CIRCUIT, BY MAJORITY VOTE, SHALL ELECT  
3 FROM AMONG THEIR MEMBERS A CHIEF JUDGE. THE ELECTION SHALL TAKE  
4 PLACE ON JANUARY 2 OF EACH ODD-NUMBERED YEAR, OR AS SOON AS  
5 PRACTICABLE AFTER THAT DATE. THE JUDGE ELECTED TO THE POSITION OF  
6 CHIEF JUDGE SHALL SERVE IN THAT POSITION UNTIL JANUARY 2 OF THE  
7 SUBSEQUENT ODD-NUMBERED YEAR.

8           (2) THE JUDGES OF A CIRCUIT WHO ELECT A CHIEF JUDGE MAY REMOVE  
9 HIM OR HER AS CHIEF JUDGE FOR CAUSE. A VOTE OF 2/3 OF THE JUDGES OF

1 THAT CIRCUIT IS REQUIRED TO REMOVE A CHIEF JUDGE. IF A CHIEF JUDGE  
2 IS REMOVED, THE JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT SHALL ELECT HIS OR HER  
3 SUCCESSOR BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

4 (3) IN A JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HAVING 2 JUDGES, THE SUPREME COURT  
5 SHALL SELECT THE CHIEF JUDGE.