

**REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 236 of 1961**

**600.8113 Third, third-a, and third-b districts.**

Sec. 8113. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3), the third district consists of the counties of St. Joseph and Branch, is a district of the first class and is divided into the following election divisions:

(a) The first division consists of the county of Branch and has 1 judge.

(b) The second division consists of the county of St. Joseph and has 1 judge.

(2) If the county of Branch approves the creation of the third-a district pursuant to law and the county of St. Joseph approves the creation of the third-b district pursuant to section 8176, the third-a district consists of the county of Branch, is a district of the first class, and has 1 judge.

(3) If the county of Branch approves the creation of the third-a district pursuant to law and the county of St. Joseph approves the creation of the third-b district pursuant to section 8176, the third-b district consists of the county of St. Joseph, is a district of the first class, and has 1 judge. Subject to section 8175, this district may have 1 additional judge effective January 1, 1991. If a new office of judge is added to this district to be filled by election in 1990, the term of office of the judge for that election only shall be 4 years.

**History:** Add. 1968, Act 154, Imd. Eff. June 17, 1968;—Am. 1990, Act 54, Imd. Eff. Apr. 11, 1990.

**Compiler's note:** Section 2 of Act 54 of 1990 provides:

“If a new judicial circuit of the circuit court is created under this amendatory act pursuant to section 550a, the change in the composition of the affected judicial circuits shall take effect for judicial purposes on January 1, 1991. If the fifty-sixth judicial circuit is created pursuant to this amendatory act, the incumbent judge of the fifth judicial circuit who resides in Eaton county shall become the judge of the fifty-sixth judicial circuit on January 1, 1991, and shall serve until the term for which he or she was elected in the fifth judicial circuit expires.”