

## AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 111

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE SAYLOR

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1 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 24 and 25

2 (2) That section 2 of Article V be amended to read:

3 § 2. Supreme Court.

4 The Supreme Court (a) shall be the highest court of the  
5 Commonwealth and in this court shall be reposed the supreme  
6 judicial power of the Commonwealth;

7 (b) shall consist of seven justices, to be selected as  
8 established by law, one of whom shall be the Chief Justice; and

9 (c) shall have such jurisdiction as shall be provided by  
10 law.

11 (3) That section 3 of Article V be amended to read:

12 § 3. Superior Court.

13 The Superior Court shall be a statewide court, and shall  
14 consist of [the number of judges, which shall be not less than  
15 seven judges] 15 judges, to be selected as established by law,  
16 and have such jurisdiction as shall be provided by this  
17 Constitution or by the General Assembly. One of its judges shall  
18 be the president judge.

19 (4) That section 4 of Article V be amended to read:

20 § 4. Commonwealth Court.

21 The Commonwealth Court shall be a statewide court, and shall  
22 consist of [the number of judges] nine judges, to be selected as  
23 established by law, and have such jurisdiction as shall be  
24 provided by law. One of its judges shall be the president judge.

25 (5) That section 11 of Article V be amended to read:

26 § 11. Judicial districts; boundaries.

27 [The number and boundaries of judicial districts shall be  
28 changed by the General Assembly only with the advice and consent  
29 of the Supreme Court.]

30 (a) The number of judges and justices of the Supreme Court,  
31 the Superior Court and the Commonwealth Court selected from each  
32 judicial district shall provide every resident of this  
33 Commonwealth with approximately equal representation on a court.  
34 Each judicial district shall be composed of compact and  
35 contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as  
36 practicable. Unless absolutely necessary, no county, city,  
37 incorporated town, borough, township or ward may be divided in  
38 forming a judicial district.

1 (b) The General Assembly shall, by law, establish:  
2 (1) An Eastern, Middle and Western judicial district from  
3 which justices or judges are selected as follows:  
4 (i) Two justices of the Supreme Court shall be selected from  
5 within each judicial district and shall be residents of the  
6 judicial district. One justice shall be selected on a Statewide  
7 basis and may be a resident of any of the judicial districts.  
8 (ii) Five judges of the Superior Court shall be selected  
9 from within each judicial district and shall be residents of the  
10 judicial district.  
11 (iii) Three judges of the Commonwealth Court shall be  
12 selected from within each judicial district and shall be  
13 residents of the judicial district.  
14 (2) A transition to an appellate court judiciary selected  
15 from judicial districts.  
16 (3) The effect of set judicial districts upon eligibility to  
17 seek retention.  
18 (4) The order in which justices of the Supreme Court and  
19 judges of the Superior Court and the Commonwealth Court are  
20 selected.  
21 (5) The decennial realignment of the appellate judicial  
22 districts based on the Federal decennial census, beginning in  
23 2021 and occurring each ten years thereafter.  
24 (c) Residency qualification for appointment to the Supreme  
25 Court, the Superior Court and the Commonwealth Court shall be  
26 established by the General Assembly.  
27 (d) Except as provided under subsection (b) and section  
28 7(b), the number and boundaries of all other judicial districts  
29 shall be established by the General Assembly by law, with the  
30 advice and consent of the Supreme Court.

31 Amend Bill, page 2, line 25, by striking out "(2)" and  
32 inserting

33 (6)

34 Amend Bill, page 5, line 26, by striking out "(3)" and  
35 inserting

36 (7)

37 Amend Bill, page 9, line 17, by inserting after "Court"  
38 for a judicial district established under section 11

39 Amend Bill, page 9, line 27, by striking out "geographic,"

40 Amend Bill, page 10, by inserting between lines 2 and 3

41 (2) meet residency requirements under section 11(b), subject  
42 to any other requirement established by law regarding judicial  
43 districts;

1 Amend Bill, page 10, line 3, by striking out "(2)" and  
2 inserting

3 (3)

4 Amend Bill, page 10, line 5, by striking out "(3)" and  
5 inserting

6 (4)

7 Amend Bill, page 10, line 17, by striking out "(4)" and  
8 inserting

9 (8)