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IN ASSEMBLY

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ETTE, LUPARDO, MAISEL, MAYERSOHN, McENENY, NOLAN, REILLY, N.
RIVERA,
ROBINSON, ROSENTHAL, SWEENEY, TITUS, WEPRIN, YOUNG -- (at request
of
the Office of Court Administration) -- read once and referred to
the
Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the family court act, in relation to judges of the
fami-
ly court

**The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and
Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:**

1 Section 1. Section 121 of the family court act, as amended by
chapter
2 209 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:
3 § 121. Number of judges. The family court within the city of New
York
4 shall consist of forty-four judges and, as of July first,
nineteen
5 hundred ninety, shall consist of forty-five judges and, as of
April
6 first, nineteen hundred ninety-one, shall consist of forty-seven
judges
7 **and, as of January first, two thousand nine, shall consist of fifty-**
four
8 **judges and, as of January first, two thousand ten, shall consist**
of
9 **sixty-one judges.** At least one of the persons appointed to the office
of
10 judge of the family court created by this section, shall be a
resident
11 of the county of Richmond and hereafter there shall be at least
one

12 family court judge resident in each county of the city of New York.
 The
 13 amount of compensation for such new family court judges shall be
 equal
 14 to the compensation payable to existing family court judges in the
 city
 15 of New York.

16 § 2. The family court act is amended by adding a new section 131-a
 to
 17 read as follows:

18 § 131-a. Additional judgeships. In addition to the judgeships
estab-
 19 lished pursuant to section one hundred thirty-one of this part,
there
 20 are hereby established two new judgeships of the family court for
each
 21 of the counties of Erie, Monroe and Suffolk, and one new judgeship
of
 22 the family court for each of the counties of Albany, Broome,
Chautauqua,

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in
 brackets

[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 Chemung, Chenango, Columbia, Nassau, Niagara, Oneida, Oswego,
Rensse-
 2 laer, Rockland, Saratoga, Schenectady, St. Lawrence, Tioga,
Ulster,
 3 Warren and Westchester. The compensation of each such new family
court
 4 judgeship shall be the same as the compensation of an existing
family
 5 court judgeship in the county for which such new family court
judgeship
 6 is established hereunder; provided that if there is no existing
family
 7 court judgeship in such county, then the compensation of each new
family
 8 court judgeship established hereunder for such county shall be the
same
 9 as the compensation of a county court judgeship in such county.

10 § 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2009; provided,
 however,
 11 that the judgeships created pursuant to section two of this act
 shall
 12 first be filled by election at the next general election at which
 they
 13 can be filled for a full term to commence the first of January
 next
 14 succeeding such election.

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