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**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to Original Senate Bill No. 217  
by Senator Morris

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 4, delete "1595.1,"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page , line 5, change "and 1347(D)" to "1347(D), 1595.1,"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 1, line 11, delete "1595.1,"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 4

8 On page 6, delete lines 16 through 29 in their entirety

9 AMENDMENT NO. 5

10 On page 7, delete lines 1 through 7, and insert the following:

11 **"B.(1) Effective January 1, 2027, there shall be nine divisions of the**  
12 **Criminal District Court. The divisions of the first four judges, if any, serving on**  
13 **the effective date of this Paragraph, that provide written notice to the supreme**  
14 **court and secretary of state by July 1, 2026, that they will not qualify to seek re-**  
15 **election, shall be abolished.**

16 **(2) If a sufficient number of judges do not provide notice pursuant to**  
17 **Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, then the requisite divisions comprising the**  
18 **judges who have served on the court the least amount of time shall be**  
19 **designated to be abolished at the end of their current term of office. If there is**  
20 **any dispute concerning this calculation, the supreme court shall issue an order**  
21 **to the secretary of state designating what divisions shall be abolished pursuant**  
22 **to this Subsection.**

23 **(3) No qualifying shall be opened for any successor to a judgeship that**  
24 **is abolished pursuant to this Subsection, and no election shall be held for any**  
25 **judgeship abolished pursuant to this Subsection."**

26 AMENDMENT NO. 6

27 On page 11, delete lines 11 through 20 in their entirety

28 AMENDMENT NO. 7

29 On page 12, line 11, change "Division "F"" to "Division "B""

30 AMENDMENT NO. 8

31 On page 12, line 12, change "Division "F"" to "Division "B""

32 AMENDMENT NO. 9

33 On page 12, line 15, change "Divisions "A" through "E" and "G" to "Divisions "A"  
34 and "C" through "F" "G""

1 AMENDMENT NO. 10

2 On page 12, line 19, change "**January 1, 2027**" to "**December 31, 2026**"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 11

4 On page 12, line 27, change "and 1347(D)" to "1347(D), 1595.1,"