

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

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

AMENDMENT NO. 1

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

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, change "and 1347(D)" to "1347(D), 1595.1,"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

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

AMENDMENT NO. 4

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

AMENDMENT NO. 5

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

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

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

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

AMENDMENT NO. 6

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

AMENDMENT NO. 7

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

AMENDMENT NO. 8

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

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 12, line 15, change "Divisions "A" through **"E" and "G"**" to "Divisions "A" **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,"