

HOUSE BILL 2139

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16,
Chapter 2, relative to judicial districts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(30)(A), is amended by designating the current language as subdivision (30)(A)(i) and adding the following new subdivision:

(ii) Effective September 1, 2024, there are created in the thirtieth judicial district three (3) additional trial courts. The type of courts, type of judges to preside over the courts, and the parts of court shall be designated as provided in § 16-2-512. The governor shall appoint three (3) persons to serve as judges of the trial courts created by this subdivision (30)(A)(ii). Each person so appointed shall serve in that capacity until September 1, 2026, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. At the August 2026 general election, the qualified voters of the thirtieth judicial district shall elect, in accordance with § 16-2-505, three (3) persons to serve as judges of the trial courts created by this subdivision (30)(A)(ii). Each person so elected at the August 2026 general election shall hold office until September 1, 2030, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. Thereafter, the judges of the trial courts created by this subdivision (30)(A)(ii) must be elected for a full eight-year term.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.