

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred Senate Bill No. 163
3 entitled “An act relating to establishing two Superior judge positions”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in
6 lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. JUDICIARY; POSITIONS; APPROPRIATION

8 (a) The following permanent exempt positions are created in the Judiciary:
9 two three full-time Superior judges.

10 (b) The Superior judge positions created pursuant to subsection (a) of this
11 section:

12 (1) shall be for a six-year term of office commencing on April 1, 2024,
13 irrespective of the date when the initial appointment is made; and

14 (2) shall be subject to the judicial retention process under Chapter II,
15 § 34 of the Vermont Constitution.

16 (c) There is appropriated to the Judiciary from the General Fund in fiscal
17 year 2025 the sum of \$539,246.00 for the two of the full-time Superior judge
18 positions created in subsection (a) of this section. The third Superior judge
19 position created in subsection (a) of this section shall be funded by Tobacco
20 Settlement Funds pursuant to a recommendation of the CHINS Reform Workgroup.

21 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

22 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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7 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE