

HB 296 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **296**

AN ACT relative to assignment of circuit court judges as liaison judges.

SPONSORS: Rep. Rowe, Hills 22

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the administrative judge for the circuit court to designate a judge for each circuit court location to serve as a liaison to the communities served by that location.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 1 Circuit Court Judges; Appointments. Amend RSA 490-F:5, II to read as follows:
2 II. Judicial and master appointments to fill vacancies which exist on the effective date of
3 this chapter in the former probate and district courts and in the former judicial branch family
4 division shall be to the New Hampshire circuit court. No judicial officer appointed to the circuit
5 court shall be appointed to a particular location; however, ***the administrative judge for the***
6 ***circuit court shall designate a judge for each circuit court location who shall serve as the***
7 ***liaison to the communities served by that location concerning issues related to the***
8 ***administration of justice.*** The assignment of a circuit court judge to a particular location shall be
9 within the discretion of the administrative judge of the circuit court who shall take into account the
10 weighted caseload and judicial need of that location ***and the designated liaison judge.***
11 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.