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To provide for the permanent appointment of certain temporary district judgeships.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. BUTLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. MARSHALL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To provide for the permanent appointment of certain temporary district judgeships.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Judiciary Sta-
5 bilization Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY JUDGESHIPS IN THE DISTRICT**
2 **COURTS.**

3 (a) **EXISTING JUDGESHIPS.**—The existing judgeships
4 for the district of Hawaii, the district of Kansas, and the
5 eastern district of Missouri authorized by section 203(c)
6 of the Judicial Improvements Act of 1990 (Public Law
7 101–650; 28 U.S.C. 133 note) and the existing judgeships
8 for the northern district of Alabama, the district of Ari-
9 zona, the central district of California, the southern dis-
10 trict of Florida, the district of New Mexico, the western
11 district of North Carolina, and the eastern district of
12 Texas authorized by section 312(c) of the 21st Century
13 Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act
14 (Public Law 107–273; 28 U.S.C. 133 note) shall, as of
15 the effective date of this Act, be authorized under section
16 133 of title 28, United States Code, and the incumbents
17 in those offices shall hold the office under section 133 of
18 title 28, United States Code, as amended by this Act.

19 (b) **TABLES.**—In order that the table contained in
20 section 133 of title 28, United States Code, will, with re-
21 spect to each judicial district, reflect the changes in the
22 total number of permanent district judgeships authorized
23 as a result of subsection (a) of this section, such table
24 is amended—

25 (1) by striking the items relating to Alabama
26 and inserting the following:

“Alabama:
 Northern 8
 Middle 3
 Southern 3”;

1 (2) by striking the item relating to Arizona and
 2 inserting the following:

“Arizona 13”;

3 (3) by striking the items relating to California
 4 and inserting the following:

“California:
 Northern 14
 Eastern 6
 Central 28
 Southern 13”;

5 (4) by striking the items relating to Florida and
 6 inserting the following:

“Florida:
 Northern 4
 Middle 15
 Southern 18”;

7 (5) by striking the item relating to Hawaii and
 8 inserting the following:

“Hawaii 4”;

9 (6) by striking the item relating to Kansas and
 10 inserting the following:

“Kansas 6”;

11 (7) by striking the items relating to Missouri
 12 and inserting the following:

“Missouri:
 Eastern 7
 Western 5
 Eastern and Western 2”;

1 (8) by striking the item relating to New Mexico
2 and inserting the following:

“New Mexico 7”;

3 (9) by striking the items relating to North
4 Carolina and inserting the following:

“North Carolina:
Eastern 4
Middle 4
Western 5”; and

5 (10) by striking the items relating to Texas and
6 inserting the following:

“Texas:
Northern 12
Southern 19
Eastern 8
Western 13”.

7 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

8 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
9 as may be necessary to carry out this Act and the amend-
10 ments made by this Act.

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