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## House Bill No. 4735

(By Delegate Webb)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section three, article two-a, chapter fifty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to allowing the appointment of a person who has previously served as a family law master as a temporary family law master; and establishing limitations thereon.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That section three, article two-a, chapter fifty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

#### **ARTICLE 2A. CIRCUIT COURTS; FAMILY COURT DIVISION.**

##### **§51-2A-3. Assignment of family law masters by family court circuits.**

- 1 (a) A total of thirty-three family law masters shall be
- 2 appointed to serve throughout the state. The state is divided into
- 3 twenty-four family court circuits with the number of family law
- 4 masters allocated as follows:

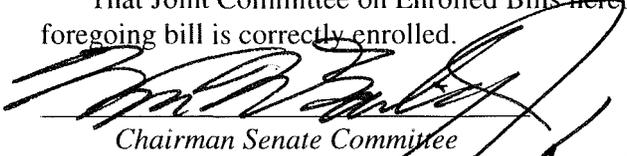
5       The counties of Brooke, Hancock and Ohio constitute the  
6 first family court circuit and have two family law masters; the  
7 counties of Marshall, Wetzel and Tyler constitute the second  
8 family court circuit and have one family law master; the  
9 counties of Pleasants, Wood, Wirt, Ritchie and Doddridge  
10 constitute the third family court circuit and have two family law  
11 masters; the counties of Jackson, Roane, Calhoun and Gilmer  
12 constitute the fourth family court circuit and have one family  
13 law master; the counties of Mason and Putnam constitute the  
14 fifth family court circuit and have one family law master; the  
15 county of Cabell constitutes the sixth family court circuit and  
16 has two family law masters; the county of Wayne constitutes  
17 the seventh family court circuit and has one family law master;  
18 the county of Mingo constitutes the eighth family court circuit  
19 and has one family law master; the county of Logan constitutes  
20 the ninth family court circuit and has one family law master; the  
21 counties of Lincoln and Boone constitute the tenth family court  
22 circuit and have one family law master; the county of Kanawha  
23 constitutes the eleventh family court circuit and has four family  
24 law masters; the counties of McDowell and Mercer constitute  
25 the twelfth family court circuit and have two family law  
26 masters; the counties of Raleigh and Wyoming constitute the  
27 thirteenth family court circuit and have two family law masters;  
28 the counties of Fayette and Summers constitute the fourteenth  
29 family court circuit and have one family law master; the  
30 counties of Greenbrier, Monroe and Pocahontas constitute the  
31 fifteenth family court circuit and have one family law master;  
32 the counties of Clay, Nicholas and Webster constitute the  
33 sixteenth family court circuit and have one family law master;  
34 the counties of Braxton, Lewis and Upshur constitute the  
35 seventeenth family court circuit and have one family law  
36 master; the county of Harrison constitutes the eighteenth family  
37 court circuit and has one family law master; the county of  
38 Marion constitutes the nineteenth family court circuit and has  
39 one family law master; the county of Monongalia constitutes

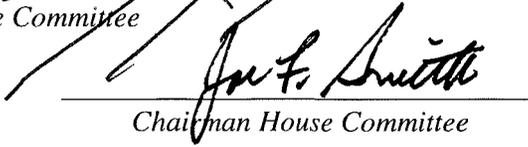
40 the twentieth family court circuit and has one family law  
41 master; the counties of Barbour, Preston and Taylor constitute  
42 the twenty-first family court circuit and have one family law  
43 master; the counties of Grant, Tucker and Randolph constitute  
44 the twenty-second family court circuit and have one family law  
45 master; the counties of Mineral, Hampshire, Hardy and  
46 Pendleton constitute the twenty-third family court circuit and  
47 have one family law master; and the counties of Berkeley,  
48 Jefferson and Morgan constitute the twenty-fourth family court  
49 circuit and have two family law masters.

50 (b) The chief justice of the supreme court of appeals may  
51 temporarily assign a family law master from one family court  
52 circuit to another family court circuit, as caseload, disqualifica-  
53 tion, recusal, vacation or illness may dictate.

54 (c) The chief justice of the supreme court of appeals may  
55 appoint a person who has previously served as a law master to  
56 serve as a temporary law master as disqualification, recusal,  
57 vacation or illness may dictate. Only persons who have com-  
58 pleted courses of continuing education instruction in principles  
59 of family law and procedure, as required by supervisory rule of  
60 the supreme court of appeals, are eligible for such appointment.

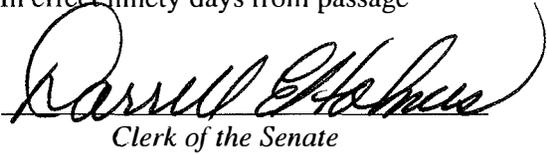
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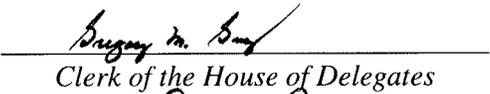
  
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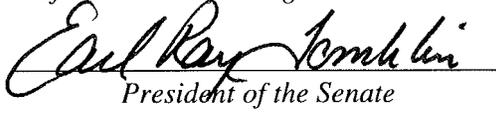
  
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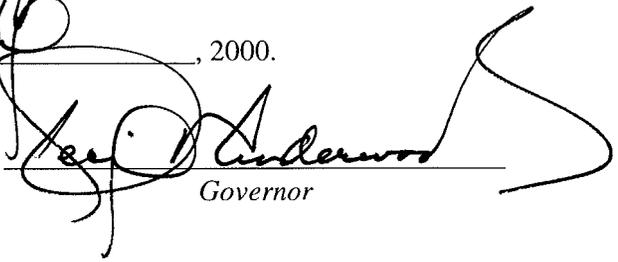
  
Clerk of the Senate

  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

  
President of the Senate

  
Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within approved this the 4th  
day of April, 2000.

  
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE

GOVERNOR

Date 3/31/00

Time 2:30 pm