

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1609
95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence, April 15, 2010, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal section 517.081, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to assignment of associate circuit judges.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 517.081, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 517.081, to read as follows:

517.081. A case [shall] **may** be certified for assignment by the presiding
2 judge of the circuit or in accordance with local rules when:

3 (1) A party files a petition, a counterclaim, cross claim or third-party
4 petition that independently exceeds the jurisdiction of cases triable under this
5 chapter; or

6 (2) Consolidation of cases appears proper, and such consolidation would
7 result in a claim exceeding the jurisdictional limit of [the division] **this chapter**.

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EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.