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To amend title 28, United States Code, to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GEKAS (for himself, Mr. HYDE, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. NADLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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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 “Bankruptcy Judgeship
5 Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. PERMANENT JUDGESHIPS.**

7 Section 152(a)(2) of title 28, United States Code, is
8 amended—

1 (1) in the item relating to the central district
2 of California, by striking “21” and inserting “25”;

3 (2) in the item relating to the district of Mary-
4 land, by striking “4” and inserting “5”;

5 (3) in the item relating to the district of New
6 Jersey, by striking “8” and inserting “9”; and

7 (4) in the item relating to the western district
8 of Tennessee, by striking “4” and inserting “5”.

9 **SEC. 3. TEMPORARY JUDGESHIPS.**

10 (a) APPOINTMENTS.—The following judgeship posi-
11 tions shall be filled in the manner prescribed in section
12 152(a)(1) of title 28, United States Code, for the appoint-
13 ment of bankruptcy judges provided for in section
14 152(a)(2) of such title:

15 (1) 1 additional bankruptcy judgeship for the
16 eastern district of California.

17 (2) 1 additional bankruptcy judgeship for the
18 southern district of Florida.

19 (3) 1 additional bankruptcy judgeship for the
20 district of Maryland.

21 (4) 1 additional bankruptcy judgeship for the
22 eastern district of Michigan.

23 (5) 1 additional bankruptcy judgeship for the
24 southern district of Mississippi.

1 (6) 1 additional bankruptcy judgeship for the
2 eastern district of New York.

3 (7) 1 additional bankruptcy judgeship for the
4 northern district of New York.

5 (8) 1 additional bankruptcy judgeship for the
6 southern district of New York.

7 (9) 1 additional bankruptcy judgeship for the
8 eastern district of Pennsylvania.

9 (10) 1 additional bankruptcy judgeship for the
10 middle district of Pennsylvania.

11 (11) 1 additional bankruptcy judgeship for the
12 eastern district of Virginia.

13 (b) VACANCIES.—The first vacancy occurring in the
14 office of a bankruptcy judge in each of the judicial dis-
15 tricts set forth in subsection (a) which—

16 (1) results from the death, retirement, resigna-
17 tion, or removal of a bankruptcy judge, and

18 (2) occurs 5 years or more after the appoint-
19 ment date of a judge appointed under subsection (a),
20 shall not be filled.

21 **SEC. 4. EXTENSION.**

22 The temporary bankruptcy judgeship position author-
23 ized for the district of Delaware by section 3(a)(3) of the
24 Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 1992 (28 U.S.C. 152 note)
25 is extended until the first vacancy occurring in the office

1 of a bankruptcy judge in that district resulting from the
2 death, retirement, resignation, or removal of a bankruptcy
3 judge and occurring 10 years or more after October 28,
4 1993. All other provisions of section 3 of the Bankruptcy
5 Judgeship Act of 1992 remain applicable to such tem-
6 porary judgeship position.

7 **SEC. 5. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**

8 The first sentence of section 152(a)(1) of title 28,
9 United States Code, is amended to read as follows: “Each
10 bankruptcy judge to be appointed for a judicial district
11 as provided in paragraph (2) shall be appointed by the
12 United States court of appeals for the circuit in which
13 such district is located.”.

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