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H. R. 3953

To authorize 4 permanent and 1 temporary additional judgeships for the middle district of Florida, and 3 additional permanent judgeships for the southern district of Florida.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2005

Ms. HARRIS (for herself and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) 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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) population growth in Florida is increasing
6 at almost double the national rate, and 15.5 percent
7 of the population growth in the United States over

1 the next 25 years is expected to occur in Florida;
2 and

3 (2) this rapid population growth in the middle
4 and southern judicial districts of Florida continues
5 to exert tremendous pressure on the Federal court
6 system: in fiscal year 2004, weighted case filings per
7 judgeship in the middle district of Florida were 47.7
8 percent above the standard set by the Judicial Con-
9 ference, and weighted case filings per judgeship in
10 the southern district of Florida were 19.3 percent
11 above the Judicial Conference standard.

12 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIPS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall appoint, by
14 and with the advice and consent of the Senate—

15 (1) 5 additional district judges for the middle
16 district of Florida; and

17 (2) 3 additional district judges for the southern
18 district of Florida.

19 (b) TEMPORARY JUDGESHIP.—The first vacancy in
20 the office of district judge in the middle district of Florida,
21 occurring 10 years or more after the confirmation date
22 of the last of the judges named to fill the judgeships cre-
23 ated by subsection (a), shall not be filled.

24 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—In order that the
25 table contained in section 133(a) of title 28, United States

1 Code, will reflect the additional permanent judgeships cre-
2 ated by this section, the item relating to Florida in such
3 table is amended to read as follows:

“Florida:

Northern	4
Middle	19
Southern	6”.

