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S. 2448

To provide for the appointment of additional Federal bankruptcy judges,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COONS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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bankruptcy judges, and for other purposes.

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 2016”.

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

7 The following authorized bankruptcy judgeship posi-
8 tions shall be filled in the manner prescribed in section
9 152(a)(1) of title 28, United States Code, for the appoint-

1 ment of bankruptcy judges provided for in section
2 152(a)(2) of such title:

3 (1) Two additional bankruptcy judgeships for
4 the district of Delaware.

5 (2) Two additional bankruptcy judgeships for
6 the eastern district of Michigan.

7 (3) Two additional bankruptcy judgeships for
8 the middle district of Florida.

9 **SEC. 3. CONVERSION OF EXISTING TEMPORARY BANK-**
10 **RUPTCY JUDGESHIPS.**

11 (a)(1) The 4 temporary bankruptcy judgeships au-
12 thorized for the district of Delaware pursuant to section
13 1223(b)(1)(C) of Public Law 109–8 (2005) (28 U.S.C.
14 152 note) are converted to permanent bankruptcy judge-
15 ships under section 152(a)(2) of title 28, United States
16 Code.

17 (2) The temporary bankruptcy judgeship authorized
18 for the district of Delaware pursuant to section 3(a)(3)
19 of Public Law 102–361 (1992), as amended by section
20 307 of title III of Public Law 104–317 (1996) (28 U.S.C.
21 152 note), is converted to a permanent bankruptcy judge-
22 ship under section 152(a)(2) of title 28, United States
23 Code.

24 (b) The 2 temporary bankruptcy judgeships author-
25 ized for the southern district of Florida pursuant to sec-

1 tion 1223(b)(1)(D) of Public Law 109–8 (2005) (28
2 U.S.C. 152 note) are converted to permanent bankruptcy
3 judgeships under section 152(a)(2) of title 28, United
4 States Code.

5 (c) Two of the temporary bankruptcy judgeships au-
6 thorized for the district of Maryland pursuant to section
7 1223(b)(1)(F) of Public Law 109–8 (2005) (28 U.S.C.
8 152 note) are converted to permanent bankruptcy judge-
9 ships under section 152(a)(2) of title 28, United States
10 Code.

11 (d) The temporary bankruptcy judgeship authorized
12 for the eastern district of Michigan pursuant to section
13 1223(b)(1)(G) of Public Law 109–8 (2005) (28 U.S.C.
14 152 note) is converted to a permanent bankruptcy judge-
15 ship under section 152(a)(2) of title 28, United States
16 Code.

17 (e) The temporary bankruptcy judgeship authorized
18 for the district of Nevada pursuant to section
19 1223(b)(1)(T) of Public Law 109–8 (2005) (28 U.S.C.
20 152 note) is converted to a permanent bankruptcy judge-
21 ship under section 152(a)(2) of title 28, United States
22 Code.

23 (f) The temporary bankruptcy judgeship authorized
24 for the eastern district of North Carolina pursuant to sec-
25 tion 1223(b)(1)(M) of Public Law 109–8 (2005) (28

1 U.S.C. 152 note) is converted to a permanent bankruptcy
2 judgeship under section 152(a)(2) of title 28, United
3 States Code.

4 (g)(1) The temporary bankruptcy judgeship author-
5 ized for the district of Puerto Rico pursuant to section
6 1223(b)(1)(P) of Public Law 109–8 (2005) (28 U.S.C.
7 152 note) is converted to a permanent bankruptcy judge-
8 ship under section 152(a)(2) of title 28, United States
9 Code.

10 (2) The temporary bankruptcy judgeship authorized
11 for the district of Puerto Rico pursuant to section 3(a)(7)
12 of Public Law 102–361 (1992), as amended by section
13 307 of title III of Public Law 104–317 (1996) (28 U.S.C.
14 152 note), is converted to a permanent bankruptcy judge-
15 ship under section 152(a)(2) of title 28, United States
16 Code.

17 (h) The temporary bankruptcy judgeship authorized
18 for the western district of Tennessee pursuant to section
19 1223(b)(1)(Q) of Public Law 109–8 (2005) (28 U.S.C.
20 152 note) is converted to a permanent bankruptcy judge-
21 ship under section 152(a)(2) of title 28, United States
22 Code.

23 (i) The temporary bankruptcy judgeship authorized
24 for the eastern district of Virginia pursuant to section
25 1223(b)(1)(R) of Public Law 109–8 (2005) (28 U.S.C.

1 152 note) is converted to a permanent bankruptcy judge-
2 ship under section 152(a)(2) of title 28, United States
3 Code.

4 **SEC. 4. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**

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

7 (1) in the item relating to the district of Dela-
8 ware, by striking “1” and inserting “8”;

9 (2) in the item relating to the middle district of
10 Florida, by striking “8” and inserting “10”;

11 (3) in the item relating to the southern district
12 of Florida, by striking “5” and inserting “7”;

13 (4) in the item relating to the district of Mary-
14 land, by striking “4” and inserting “6”;

15 (5) in the item relating to the eastern district
16 of Michigan, by striking “4” and inserting “7”.

17 (6) in the item relating to the district of Ne-
18 vada, by striking “3” and inserting “4”;

19 (7) in the item relating to the eastern district
20 of North Carolina, by striking “2” and inserting
21 “3”;

22 (8) in the item relating to the district of Puerto
23 Rico, by striking “2” and inserting “4”;

24 (9) in the item relating to the western district
25 of Tennessee, by striking “4” and inserting “5”; and

1 (10) in the item relating to the eastern district
2 of Virginia, by striking “5” and inserting “6”.

3 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4 This Act shall take effect on the date of enactment
5 of this Act.

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