



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6168

LCO No. 3091



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
REP. LEMAR, 96th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF
PROBATE COURT JUDGES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

- 1 That chapter 801 of the general statutes be amended to provide that:
- 2 (1) a Probate Court judge (A) shall devote full-time to the judge's judicial
- 3 duties, and may not engage in the practice of law, nor be a partner,
- 4 member or associate of a law firm; and (B) shall not act as an arbitrator,
- 5 referee or compensated mediator nor engage in the conduct of any other
- 6 profession or business that interferes with the performance of judicial
- 7 duties; (2) the provisions of subdivision (1) of this section shall take
- 8 effect January 5, 2027, except that for each Probate Court judge elected
- 9 for a term that begins on or after January 5, 2027, and who continues to
- 10 serve without a break in service, the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
- 11 section shall take effect January 9, 2031.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish requirements applicable to Probate Court judges that
eliminate potential conflicts of interest, enhance professionalism and
conform with requirements applicable to other members of the
judiciary.