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To amend title 28 of the 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. CONYERS (for himself, Mr. NADLER, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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A BILL

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 2015''.

SEC. 2. CONVERSION OF THE TEMPORARY OFFICE OF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE TO THE PERMANENT OFFICE OF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE IN CERTAIN JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

(a) DISTRICT OF DELAWARE.—

(1) The temporary office of 4 bankruptcy judges authorized for the district of Delaware by section 1223(b)(1)(C) of Public Law 109–8 (119 Stat. 196; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), and extended by section 2(a)(1)(C) of Public Law 112–121 (126 Stat. 346; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), is converted hereby to the permanent office of bankruptcy judge and represented in the amendment made by section 3(1) of this Act.

(2) The temporary office of bankruptcy judge authorized for the district of Delaware by section 3(a)(3) of Public Law 102–361 (106 Stat. 966; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), and extended by section 1223(c)(1) of Public Law 109–8 (119 Stat. 198; 28 U.S.C. 152 note) and section 2(b)(1) of Public Law 112–121 (126 Stat. 347; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), is converted hereby to the permanent office of bankruptcy judge and represented in the amendment made by section 3(1) of this Act.

(b) SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.—The temporary office of 2 bankruptcy judges authorized for the

southern district of Florida by section 1223(b)(1)(D) of Public law 109–8 (119 Stat. 197; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), and extended by section 2(a)(1)(D) of Public Law 112–121 (126 Stat. 346; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), is converted hereby to the permanent offices of bankruptcy judges and represented in the amendment made by section 3(3) of this Act.

(c) DISTRICT OF MARYLAND.—The temporary office of the 2 bankruptcy judges first appointed as authorized for the district of Maryland by section 1223(b)(1)(F) of Public Law 109–8 (119 Stat. 197; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), and extended by section 2(a)(1)(F) of Public Law 112–121 (126 Stat. 346; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), is converted hereby to the permanent office of bankruptcy judge and represented in the amendment made by section 3(4) of this Act.

(d) EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN.—The temporary office of bankruptcy judge authorized for the eastern district of Michigan by section 1223(b)(l)(G) of Public law 109–8 (119 Stat. 197; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), and extended by section 2(a)(1)(G) of Public Law 112–121 (126 Stat. 346; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), is converted hereby to the permanent office of bankruptcy judge and represented in the amendment made by section 3(5) of this Act.

(e) DISTRICT OF NEVADA.—The temporary office of bankruptcy judge authorized for the district of Nevada by section 1223(b)(1)(T) of Public law 109–8 (119 Stat. 197; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), and extended by section 2(a)(1)(Q) of Public Law 112–121 (126 Stat. 346; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), is converted hereby to the permanent office of bankruptcy judge and represented in the amendment made by section 3(6) of this Act.

(f) EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA.—The temporary office of bankruptcy judge authorized for the eastern district of North Carolina by section 1223(b)(1)(M) of Public law 109–8 (119 Stat. 197; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), and extended by section 2(a)(1)(J) of Public Law 112–121 (126 Stat. 346; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), is converted hereby to the permanent office of bankruptcy judge and represented in the amendment made by section 3(7) of this Act.

(g) DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO.—

(1) The temporary office of bankruptcy judge authorized for the district of Puerto Rico by section 1223(b)(1)(P) of Public law 109–8 (119 Stat. 197; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), and extended by section 2(a)(1)(M) of Public Law 112–121 (126 Stat. 346; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), is converted hereby to the per-

manent office of bankruptcy judge and represented in the amendment made by section 3(8) of this Act.

(2) The temporary office of bankruptcy judge authorized for the district of Puerto Rico by section 3(a)(7) of Public Law 102–361 (106 Stat. 966; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), and extended by section 1223(c)(1) of Public Law 109–8 (119 Stat. 198; 28 U.S.C. 152 note) and section 2(b)(1) of Public Law 112–121 (126 Stat. 347; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), is converted hereby to the permanent office of bankruptcy judge and is represented in the amendment made by section 3(8) of this Act.

(h) WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE.—The temporary office of bankruptcy judge authorized for the western district of Tennessee by section 1223(b)(1)(Q) of Public law 109–8 (119 Stat. 197; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), and extended by section 2(a)(1)(O) of Public Law 112–121 (126 Stat. 346; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), is converted hereby to the permanent office of bankruptcy judge and is represented in the amendment made by section 3(9) of this Act.

(i) EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA.—The temporary office of bankruptcy judge authorized for the eastern district of Virginia by section 1223(b)(1)(R) of Public law 109–8 (119 Stat. 197; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), and ex-

tended by section 2(a)(1)(P) of Public Law 112–121 (126 Stat. 346; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), is converted hereby to the permanent office of bankruptcy judge and is represented in the amendment made by section 3(10) of this Act.

SEC. 3. PERMANENT OFFICE OF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE AUTHORIZED.

To reflect the conversion of the temporary office of bankruptcy judge to the permanent office of bankruptcy judge made by the operation of section 2, and to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges, section 152(a)(2) of title 28 of the United States Code is amended—

(1) in the item relating to the district of Delaware by striking ''1'' and inserting ''8'',

(2) in the item relating to the middle district of Florida by striking ''8'' and inserting ''10'',

(3) in the item relating to the southern district of Florida by striking ''5'' and inserting ''7'',

(4) in the item relating to the district of Maryland by striking ''4'' and inserting ''6'',

(5) in the item relating to the eastern district of Michigan by striking ''4'' and inserting ''7'',

(6) in the item relating to the district of Nevada by striking ''3'' and inserting ''4'',

(7) in the item relating to the eastern district of North Carolina by striking ''2'' and inserting ''3'',

(8) in the item relating to the district of Puerto Rico by striking ''2'' and inserting ''4'',

(9) in the item relating to the western district of Tennessee by striking ''4'' and inserting ''5'', and

(10) in the item relating to the eastern district of Virginia by striking ''5'' and inserting ''6''.

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