

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1405**

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**Introduced by Committee on Judiciary (Feuer (Chair), Atkins,  
Dickinson, Huber, Huffman, Monning, and Wieckowski)**

March 7, 2011

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An act to add Section 69614.4 to the Government Code, relating to courts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1405, as introduced, Committee on Judiciary. Courts: judgeships.

Existing law specifies the number of judges for the superior court of each county and for each division of each district of the court of appeal.

This bill would authorize 50 additional judges, upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act, to be allocated to the various county superior courts, pursuant to uniform criteria approved by the Judicial Council. The bill would specify that the creation of judgeships is contingent upon moneys being identified for that purpose in the annual Budget Act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 69614.4 is added to the Government  
2 Code, to read:  
3 69614.4. Upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual  
4 Budget Act of moneys expressly identified for the purpose of this  
5 section, there shall be 50 additional judges allocated to the various  
6 county superior courts, pursuant to the uniform criteria described

1 in subdivision (b) of Section 69614, as approved by the Judicial  
2 Council on October 28, 2008. No judgeship shall be created  
3 pursuant to this section unless funding for that purpose is provided  
4 in the annual Budget Act.

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