

# HOUSE BILL No. 1053

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 33-33-17.

**Synopsis:** DeKalb superior court. Establishes a second superior court in DeKalb County. Provides that the initial judge of the second DeKalb superior court is appointed for a term beginning January 1, 2006. Eliminates the DeKalb County small claims referee.

**Effective:** July 1, 2005.

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January 4, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.

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First Regular Session 114th General Assembly (2005)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 33-33-17-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 2. (a) There ~~is~~ **are**  
3 established ~~a court~~ **two (2) courts** of record to be known as the DeKalb  
4 superior court **No. 1 and the DeKalb superior court No. 2.**

5 (b) ~~The~~ **Each** DeKalb superior court is a standard superior court as  
6 described in IC 33-29-1.

7 (c) DeKalb County comprises the judicial district of ~~the~~ **each**  
8 superior court.

9 SECTION 2. IC 33-33-17-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
10 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 3. ~~The~~ **Each** DeKalb  
11 superior court has one (1) judge who shall hold sessions in:

- 12 (1) the DeKalb County courthouse in Auburn; or
- 13 (2) other places in the county as the board of county  
14 commissioners of DeKalb County may provide.

15 SECTION 3. IC 33-33-17-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
16 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 4. (a) If:

17 (1) **the clerk of the circuit court of DeKalb County receives the**



1 transcript of the original papers in a civil action or proceeding  
2 received by the clerk of the circuit and superior courts of DeKalb  
3 County on a change of venue from another county; ~~contains and~~  
4 **(2) the papers described in subdivision (1) contain** an order of  
5 the court from which venue was changed designating the circuit  
6 court or **one (1) of the superior court courts** as the court to which  
7 the case is to be transferred;

8 the clerk shall file the action or proceeding on the docket of the  
9 designated court.

10 (b) If:

11 **(1) the clerk of the circuit court of DeKalb County receives the**  
12 transcript of the original papers in a civil action or proceeding  
13 **does on a change of venue from another county; and**

14 **(2) the papers described in subdivision (1) do** not contain a  
15 order designating the court to which the case is to be transferred;  
16 the clerk shall alternately file each action or proceeding on the docket  
17 of the circuit court ~~and or~~ the docket of **one of the superior court,**  
18 **courts,** depending on the order and sequence in which the papers of the  
19 cases reach the clerk, so that if the first case is assigned to the circuit  
20 court, the next must be assigned to the superior court **No. 1, and the**  
21 **next must be assigned to the superior court No. 2.**

22 SECTION 4. IC 33-33-17-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
23 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 6. ~~The Each~~ DeKalb  
24 superior court has the same jurisdiction as the DeKalb circuit court.

25 SECTION 5. IC 33-33-17-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
26 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 7. ~~The Each~~ DeKalb  
27 superior court has a standard small claims and misdemeanor division.

28 SECTION 6. IC 33-33-17-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
29 2005].

30 SECTION 7. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005] **(a) Notwithstanding**  
31 **the amendment of IC 33-33-17 by this act, the DeKalb superior**  
32 **court No. 2 is not established until January 1, 2006.**

33 **(b) The governor shall appoint a person under IC 3-13-6-1(c) to**  
34 **serve as the initial judge of the DeKalb superior court No. 2 added**  
35 **by IC 33-33-17-2, as amended by this act.**

36 **(c) The term of the initial judge appointed under subsection (b)**  
37 **begins January 1, 2006, and ends December 31, 2006.**

38 **(d) The initial election of the judge of the DeKalb superior court**  
39 **No. 2 is the general election on November 7, 2006. The term of the**  
40 **initially elected judge begins January 1, 2007.**

41 **(e) Notwithstanding the repeal of IC 33-33-17-5 by this act, the**  
42 **part-time small claims referee appointed under IC 33-33-17-5 shall**

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1 **continue to assist the DeKalb superior court in the exercise of its**  
2 **small claims jurisdiction until December 31, 2005.**  
3 **(f) This SECTION expires January 2, 2008.**

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