

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 130 Judicial Proceedings in Civil Cases by Senator Altman

Authorizes the chief judge of a judicial circuit to establish a program for the optional use of retired justices or judges to preside over civil cases and trials upon written request of any party to the action. Provides that the program is subject to approval by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Provides that the program is not to diminish or otherwise affect the power and authority of the Chief Justice to assign justices or judges, including consenting retired justices or judges, to temporary duty in any court for which the justice or judge is qualified.

Provides the procedure to request that a retired justice or judge be appointed. Provides allowable grounds and prohibitions for use of a retired justice or judge.

Provides for compensation of a retired justice or judge. Provides for an additional court cost and for deposit of payments into the Operating Trust Fund within the state courts system.

Provides for the procedure governing voluntary trial resolution to include a jury trial if there is a right to a jury trial and if at least one party has requested a jury trial. (See bill for details)