



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 1109***

LCO No. 3499

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING INCENTIVE FOR PROBATE COURT  
MERGERS.***

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

1 Section 45a-36a of the general statutes is repealed and the following  
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) Any judge of probate in office on or after October 1, 1997, whose  
4 probate district is merged with another district and who has not been  
5 elected to a term which begins at the time of, or subsequent to, such  
6 consolidation, (1) may elect to receive four years of credited service, as  
7 defined in subdivision (2) of section 45a-34, (2) may elect to receive a  
8 reduction of [his] such judge's retirement age of not more than four  
9 years pursuant to subsection (a) of section 45a-36, or (3) may elect any  
10 combination of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this [section] subsection,  
11 provided such combination shall not exceed four years in total.

12 (b) Any judge of probate in office on or after the effective date of  
13 this section, whose probate district is merged with another district not  
14 later than January 1, 2007, and who has not been elected to a term  
15 which begins at the time of, or subsequent to, such consolidation, (1)

16 may elect to increase such retired judge's annual pension by a  
17 maximum of five thousand dollars, provided the total annual pension  
18 shall not exceed eighty per cent of the retired judge's final  
19 compensation, as defined in subdivision (1) of section 45a-34, or (2)  
20 may elect to receive a reduction in such judge's retirement age of not  
21 more than eight years pursuant to subsection (a) of section 45a-36a,  
22 after making a retirement contribution of six hundred twenty-five  
23 dollars for each year, or (3) may elect any combination of subdivisions  
24 (1) and (2) of this subsection, provided no such judge of probate shall  
25 be eligible to receive any annual increase of a maximum of five  
26 thousand dollars if the annual retirement allowance of such judge  
27 under chapter 801 is more than twenty thousand dollars.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide an incentive for small probate courts to merge with adjoining probate courts by providing enhanced retirement benefits of a maximum of five thousand dollars per year to judges whose districts are merged prior to January 1, 2007, and applicable only to retiring judges whose yearly retirement allowance would be less than twenty thousand dollars.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*