



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 1109**

January Session, 2001

**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1 Section 45a-36a of the general statutes is repealed and the following  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 act, whose probate district is merged with another district not later  
14 than January 1, 2007, and who has not been elected to a term which  
15 begins at the time of, or subsequent to, such consolidation, (1) may  
16 elect to increase such retired judge's annual pension by a maximum of  
17 five thousand dollars, provided the total annual pension shall not  
18 exceed eighty per cent of the retired judge's average 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-36, after  
22 making a retirement contribution of six hundred twenty-five dollars  
23 for each year, or (3) may elect any combination of subdivisions (1) and  
24 (2) of this subsection, provided no such judge of probate shall elect to  
25 receive any increase under subdivision (1) of this subsection if the  
26 annual retirement allowance of such judge under this chapter is more  
27 than twenty thousand dollars.

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In subsection (b) "section" was changed to "act" for accuracy and "any annual increase of a maximum of five thousand dollars" was changed to "any increase under subdivision (1) of this subsection" for clarity.

**JUD**      **JOINT FAVORABLE SUBST.-LCO**