



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 6027**

LCO No. 1582

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
REP. GODFREY, 110<sup>th</sup> Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT REFORMS.**

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to: (1) Centralize the  
2 performance of probate court accounting and payroll functions  
3 currently performed separately at each court; (2) replace the existing  
4 compensation structure for probate judges, which is based on probate  
5 court revenue, with a compensation structure based on probate district  
6 population and probate court workload; (3) establish regional planning  
7 committees to explore opportunities for voluntary probate court  
8 consolidations; (4) establish a probate appellate docket in the probate  
9 court system; and (5) appropriate funds to pay for a portion of  
10 indigency expenses and the cost of health insurance for retired probate  
11 judges and staff when the Probate Court Administration Fund has  
12 been exhausted.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To implement a strategic plan for the probate court system and thereby improve the efficiency and strengthen the professionalism of the probate courts.