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Amendment

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Offered by:
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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING REFORM OF THE PROBATE COURT SYSTEM."

1 Strike subsection (a) of section 22 in its entirety and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(a) The probate redistricting commission established in section 21
4 of this act shall develop a plan for consolidating the probate court
5 districts established in sections 45a-2 to 45a-6k, inclusive, of the general
6 statutes. Under the plan, there shall be no fewer than forty-four
7 probate court districts and no more than fifty probate court districts,
8 and no probate court may be located more than twenty miles from the
9 town hall of each town that it serves. Additional criteria to be
10 considered by the probate redistricting commission when establishing
11 probate court districts under the plan include (1) a requirement that
12 each probate court district contain a minimum population of forty
13 thousand persons determined in accordance with the last annual
14 population estimate by the Department of Public Health as of October

15 1, 2008, for each city or town, or in the alternative, an annual weighted-
16 workload of the court of three thousand, calculated in accordance with
17 subdivision (6) of section 12 of this act, provided the plan may allow
18 for probate court districts that do not meet either requirement set forth
19 in this subdivision, taking into consideration the following criteria: (A)
20 The geographic accessibility of the probate court to residents of the
21 proposed probate court district; (B) the availability of municipal
22 facilities to house the probate court; and (C) communities of interest
23 among municipalities sharing a proposed probate court district; (2) a
24 requirement that no municipality may be included in more than one
25 probate court district; and (3) any other criteria deemed appropriate
26 and necessary by the probate redistricting commission."