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Bill 125  
(2016, chapter 33)

## **An Act to amend the Courts of Justice Act**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

*This Act increases the number of judges who compose the Court of Appeal from 20 to 22, the number of judges who compose the Superior Court from 152 to 157 and the number of judges who compose the Court of Québec from 290 to 306.*

*In light of the addition of two positions in the Court of Appeal, the number of judges who must reside in the territory of or in the immediate vicinity of Ville de Montréal is increased from 13 to 15. Similarly, in light of the addition of five positions in the Superior Court, the number of judges appointed for the district of Montréal is increased from 96 to 101.*

*Lastly, the Act contains a transitional provision that aims to replace the current requirement to publish the notice inviting interested persons to submit their application for the position of judge of the Court of Québec in the Journal du Barreau du Québec by the requirement to publish such a notice in a newspaper distributed throughout Québec.*

## **LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:**

– Courts of Justice Act (chapter T-16).

# Bill 125

## AN ACT TO AMEND THE COURTS OF JUSTICE ACT

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

### COURTS OF JUSTICE ACT

**1.** Section 6 of the Courts of Justice Act (chapter T-16) is amended by replacing “20” and “19” in the first paragraph by “22” and “21”, respectively.

**2.** Section 7 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “20” and “13” in the first paragraph by “22” and “15”, respectively;

(2) by replacing “20” in the third paragraph by “22”.

**3.** Section 21 of the Act is amended by replacing “152” in the first paragraph by “157”.

**4.** Section 32 of the Act is amended by replacing “96” in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by “101”.

**5.** Section 85 of the Act is amended by replacing “290” by “306”.

### TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

**6.** The publication of a notice in the Journal du Barreau du Québec, as provided for in section 7 of the Regulation respecting the selection procedure of candidates for the office of judge of the Court of Québec, municipal court judge and presiding justice of the peace (chapter T-16, r. 4.1), is not required in respect of a competition aiming to fill a position of judge of the Court of Québec that is held within 180 days after the coming into force of this Act, provided that such a notice is published in a newspaper distributed throughout Québec.

**7.** This Act comes into force on 9 December 2016.

