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AN ACT TO AMEND THE COURTS AND COURT OFFICERS ACT 1995 TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF JUDGES OF THE HIGH COURT, THE CIRCUIT COURT AND THE DISTRICT COURT; TO AMEND THE COURTS (SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS) ACT 1961; AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

[5th March, 2007]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS:

1.—In this Act—

Definitions.

“Act of 1995” means the Courts and Court Officers Act 1995;

“Act of 2004” means the Civil Liability and Courts Act 2004.

2.—The Act of 1995 is amended by the substitution of the following section for section 9 (inserted by section 56(a) of the Act of 2004):

Increase in number of ordinary judges of High Court.

“9.—The number of ordinary judges of the High Court shall not be more than 35.”.

3.—The Act of 1995 is amended by the substitution of the following section for section 10 (inserted by section 56(b) of the Act of 2004):

Increase in number of ordinary judges of Circuit Court.

“10.—The number of ordinary judges of the Circuit Court shall not be more than 37.”.

4.—The Act of 1995 is amended by the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (1) (inserted by section 56(c) of the Act of 2004) of section 11:

Increase in number of judges of District Court.

“(1) The number of judges of the District Court in addition to the President of the District Court shall not be more than 60.”.

Amendment of
Sixth Schedule to
Courts
(Supplemental
Provisions) Act
1961.

5.—The Sixth Schedule to the Courts (Supplemental Provisions) Act 1961 is amended in paragraph 2(1) by the substitution of the following clause for clause (b) (inserted by section 27(2) of the Courts and Court Officers Act 2002):

“(b) Where, at the time of the appointment of a person to be a judge of the District Court, there are 20 judges of the District Court not permanently assigned to particular districts, the Government shall assign that person permanently to a particular district.”.

Short title and
collective citation.

6.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Courts and Court Officers (Amendment) Act 2007.

(2) The Courts (Supplemental Provisions) Acts 1961 to 2003 and this Act may be cited together as the Courts (Supplemental Provisions) Acts 1961 to 2007.