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**In the Supreme Court of Iowa**

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**In the Matter of the Proposed            )**  
**Reallocation of a Vacant District    )**       **Order**  
**Judgeship to a Different Judicial    )**  
**Election District                        )**

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Iowa Code section 602.6113 states in part “. . . if a vacancy occurs in the office of a district judge, district associate judge, associate juvenile judge, or associate probate judge, and the chief justice of the supreme court makes a finding that a substantial disparity exists in the allocation of such judgeships and judicial workload between districts, the chief justice may apportion the vacant office from the judicial election district where the vacancy occurs to another judicial election district based upon the substantial disparity finding. However, such a judgeship shall not be apportioned pursuant to this section unless a majority of the judicial council approves the apportionment.”

In 2017 the Iowa Judicial Branch completed its Judicial Workload Assessment Report. This report shows a substantial disparity in the allocation of district court judgeships among the judicial election districts. Specifically, under the workload assessment judicial election district 4 needs eleven district court judges but only has eight authorized district court judgeships while judicial election district 5B is currently authorized four district court judges while only needing three. The workload assessment shows that judicial election districts 8A and 6 also have fewer district court judges than needed. Because of this substantial disparity in district court judgeships, I apportion the vacant district court judgeship from judicial election district 5B to judicial election district 4,

and respectfully request the Judicial Council approve this apportionment when it meets on September 25, 2018.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA

By Mark S. Cady  
Mark S. Cady, Chief Justice