

**REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 236 of 1961**

**600.506 Fifth judicial circuit.**

Sec. 506.

(1) except as provided in subsection (2), the fifth judicial circuit consists of the counties of Barry and Eaton and has 2 judges.

(2) If the county of Barry approves the reformation of the fifth judicial circuit pursuant to law and the county of Eaton approves the creation of the fifty-sixth judicial circuit pursuant to law, the fifth judicial circuit consists of the county of Barry and has 1 judge effective January 1, 1991.

**History:** 1961, Act 236, Eff. Jan. 1, 1963 ;-- Am. 1970, Act 30, Imd. Eff. June 11, 1970 ;-- Am. 1988, Act 134, Imd. Eff. May 27, 1988 ;-- Am. 1990, Act 54, Imd. Eff. Apr. 11, 1990

**Compiler's Notes:** Section 2 of Act 134 of 1988 provides: "Any additional circuit judgeship to be added by election in 1988 shall not be authorized to be filled by election unless each county in the circuit, by resolution adopted by the county board of commissioners, approves the creation of the judgeship and unless the clerk of each county adopting such a resolution files a copy of the resolution with the state court administrator not later than 4 p.m. of the tenth Tuesday preceding the August primary for the election to fill the additional circuit judgeship." Section 2 of Act 54 of 1990 provides: "If a new judicial circuit of the circuit court is created under this amendatory act pursuant to section 550a, the change in the composition of the affected judicial circuits shall take effect for judicial purposes on January 1, 1991. If the fifty-sixth judicial circuit is created pursuant to this amendatory act, the incumbent judge of the fifth judicial circuit who resides in Eaton county shall become the judge of the fifty-sixth judicial circuit on January 1, 1991, and shall serve until the term for which he or she was elected in the fifth judicial circuit expires." In subsection (1), the phrase "except as provided" evidently should read "Except as provided."