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H. R. 329

To authorize an additional district judge for the district of Puerto Rico and to convert to permanent status the temporary office of bankruptcy judge for the district of Puerto Rico.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2021

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Puerto Rico Federal

5 Judicial Improvement Act".

SEC. 2. DISTRICT JUDGESHIP FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUER-TO RICO.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, 1 additional district judge for the district of Puerto Rico.

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.— In order that the table contained in section 133(a) of title 28, United States Code, will reflect the change in the number of judgeships authorized by subsection (a), such table is amended by striking the item relating to Puerto Rico and inserting the following:

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SEC. 3. CONVERSION OF THE TEMPORARY OFFICE OF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE TO THE PERMANENT OFFICE OF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO.

(a) CONVERSION OF OFFICE TO PERMANENT STA-TUS.—

(1) The temporary office of bankruptcy judge authorized for the district of Puerto Rico by section 1223(b)(1)(P) of Public Law 109–8 (119 Stat. 197; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), and extended by section 2(a)(1)(M) of Public Law 112–121 (126 Stat. 346; 28 U.S.C. 152 note) and section 1002(a)(1)(G) of Public Law 115–72 (131 Stat. 1230; 28 U.S.C. 152

1 note), is converted hereby to the permanent office of

2 bankruptcy judge and represented in the amendment

3 made by subsection (b).

4 (2) The temporary office of bankruptcy judge

5 authorized for the district of Puerto Rico by section

6 3(a)(7) of Public Law 102–361 (106 Stat. 966; 28

7 U.S.C. 152 note), and extended by section

8 1223(c)(1) of Public Law 109–8 (119 Stat. 198; 28

9 U.S.C. 152 note), section 2(b)(1) of Public Law

10 112–121 (126 Stat. 347; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), and

11 section 1002(b)(1) of Public Law 115–72 (131 Stat.

12 1230; 28 U.S.C. 152 note), is converted hereby to

13 the permanent office of bankruptcy judge and is rep-

14 resented in the amendment made by subsection (b).

15 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—To reflect the con-

16 version of the temporary office of bankruptcy judge to the

17 permanent office of bankruptcy judge made by the oper-

18 ation of subsection (a), section 152(a)(2) of title 28 of

19 the United States Code is amended in the item relating

20 to the district of Puerto Rico by striking ''2'' and inserting

21 ''4''.

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