

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

February 11, 2026
Date

Committee on Judiciary.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB26-037 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 22, after "WEEKEND" insert "AND
2 HOLIDAY".

3 Page 3, line 1, after "WEEKEND" insert "AND HOLIDAY".

4 Page 3, line 3, after "WEEKEND" insert "AND HOLIDAY".

5 Page 3, after line 7 insert:

6 "(c) WHEN A CHIEF JUDGE ELECTS TO UTILIZE JUDICIAL OFFICERS
7 FROM THEIR OWN JUDICIAL DISTRICT TO PRESIDE OVER WEEKEND AND
8 HOLIDAY BOND HEARINGS WITH THE SUPPORT OF BOND HEARING OFFICER
9 STAFF PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2.5), THE DISTRICT SHALL
10 CONDUCT THE HEARINGS DURING THE TIME SLOT ASSIGNED TO THAT
11 JUDICIAL DISTRICT UNDER THE EXISTING STATEWIDE WEEKEND AND
12 HOLIDAY BOND HEARING SCHEDULE UTILIZED FOR BOND HEARING
13 OFFICERS. A JUDICIAL DISTRICT SHALL NOT ALTER ITS ASSIGNED WEEKEND
14 AND HOLIDAY BOND HEARING TIME SLOT WHEN ELECTING TO UTILIZE ITS
15 OWN JUDICIAL OFFICERS. A JUDICIAL DISTRICT SHALL NOT HAVE ITS OWN
16 JUDICIAL OFFICERS CONDUCT WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY BOND PROCEEDINGS
17 SIMULTANEOUS TO OTHER BOND PROCEEDINGS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE
18 BOND HEARING OFFICER STAFF THAT WOULD HAVE HEARD THE
19 PROCEEDING HAD THE CHIEF JUDGE NOT ELECTED TO USE THEIR OWN
20 JUDICIAL OFFICERS.

21 (d) IF A JUDICIAL DISTRICT ELECTS TO UTILIZE ITS OWN JUDICIAL
22 OFFICERS TO PRESIDE OVER WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY BOND HEARINGS
23 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2.5), THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE JUDICIAL
24 DISTRICT SHALL DESIGNATE, ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, WHETHER THE

1 DISTRICT WILL UTILIZE BOND HEARING OFFICERS OR JUDICIAL OFFICERS
2 FROM THE DISTRICT TO PRESIDE OVER THE BOND HEARINGS. THE
3 DESIGNATION MUST REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR THE ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR
4 AND MUST NOT BE CHANGED DURING THAT YEAR."

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