



1 non-consumer actions under the Uniform Commercial Code;  
2 actions relating to internal affairs or governance between or  
3 among shareholders, partners, or members of business entities;  
4 purchases and sales of businesses or the assets of businesses;  
5 franchisor-franchisee relationships; actions relating to trade  
6 secrets or non-compete agreements; actions relating to  
7 business torts, intellectual property, antitrust, director and  
8 officer liability; shareholder derivative actions; and other  
9 actions of a complex commercial nature.

10 (3) A high degree of case management is required to  
11 efficiently and expeditiously handle, process, and resolve  
12 these types of cases, including the handling of discovery  
13 disputes and motion practice, which necessitates the use of  
14 more court resources, including law clerks, case managers,  
15 special masters, and technological resources.

16 (4) Requiring the diversion of resources and funds  
17 from other court programs to these specialized circuit court  
18 divisions or sections to allow them to efficiently and  
19 expeditiously handle these types of cases would not serve the  
20 public interest.

21 Section 2. The sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in nonrecurring funds  
22 is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the circuit  
23 courts in the Ninth, Eleventh, and Thirteenth Judicial  
24 Circuits for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to be used to hire law  
25 clerks, case managers, and special masters and provide  
26 technological resources to assist in operating the pilot  
27 programs as established through administrative orders by the  
28 chief judges in those circuits. The appropriation shall be  
29 allocated as follows: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Ninth Judicial  
30 Circuit; \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Eleventh Judicial Circuit; and  
31 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.