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TITLE 8. THE ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT OF COURTS [68070 - 77655] (Title 8 added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 206.)

CHAPTER 5.1. Unification of Municipal and Superior Courts [70200 - 70218] (Chapter 5.1 repealed and added by Stats. 1998, Ch. 931, Sec. 257.)

ARTICLE 1. Unification Voting Procedure [70200 - 70202] (Article 1 added by Stats. 1998, Ch. 931, Sec. 257.)

70200. (a) The municipal and superior courts in a county shall be unified on a majority vote of superior court judges and a majority vote of municipal court judges in the county, pursuant to the procedures provided in this article.

(b) The vote shall be conducted by the Judicial Council or, if authorized by the Judicial Council, the county's registrar of voters.

(c) The Judicial Council may adopt rules not inconsistent with this article for the conduct of the vote, including but not limited to rules governing the frequency of vote calls, manner of voting, duration of the voting period, and selection of the operative date of unification.

(Repealed and added by Stats. 1998, Ch. 931, Sec. 257. Effective September 28, 1998.)

70201. (a) The Judicial Council or registrar of voters shall certify the results of a vote to unify the municipal courts and the superior courts in a county.

(b) Unification of the municipal and superior courts in a county requires an affirmative vote of a majority of all superior court judges in the county eligible to vote and a majority of all municipal court judges in the county eligible to vote.

(c) On certification, a vote in favor of unification of the municipal and superior courts in a county is final and may not be rescinded or revoked by a subsequent vote.

(Repealed and added by Stats. 1998, Ch. 931, Sec. 257. Effective September 28, 1998.)

70202. Unification of the municipal and superior courts in a county shall occur on the earlier of the date specified in the unification vote or 180 days following certification of the vote for unification.

(Repealed and added by Stats. 1998, Ch. 931, Sec. 257. Effective September 28, 1998.)