

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 957 modifies the procedures for assigning Justices or Judges in substitution of recused or disqualified Justices or Judges. The measure specifies that no Justice or Judge shall sit on any case to which he or she presided over previously, regardless of which court heard the case. The measure also requires the Governor to assign a retired Supreme Court Justice to the matter or to a member of the State Bar if no Justice is available if a Justice recuses from the case. Additionally, the measure provides for the Governor to assign a retired member of the Court of Criminal Appeals if a member recuses him or herself. If no member is available, the Governor shall assign a Judge from the Court of Civil Appeals to the matter in substitution of the recused or disqualified member there is no retired judge available.

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