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IN THE MATTER OF THE AMENDMENT OF SDCL)
16-6-1

RULE 97-24

A hearing having been held on February 21, 1997, at Pierre, South Dakota, relating to the amendment of SDCL 16-6-1, and the Court having considered the proposed amendment, the correspondence and oral presentations relating thereto, if any, and being fully advised in the premises, now, therefore, it is

ORDERED that SDCL 16-6-1 be and it is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

§ 16-6-1. Number of judges in judicial circuits. The number of circuit judges of each of the judicial circuits established by § 16-5-1.2 is determined and fixed as follows:

- (1) First Circuit: Four circuit judges;
- (2) Second Circuit: Six circuit judges;
- (3) Third Circuit: Five circuit judges;
- (4) Fourth Circuit: Four circuit judges;
- (5) Fifth Circuit: Four circuit judges;
- (6) Sixth Circuit: Five circuit judges;
 - (7) Seventh Circuit: Five circuit judges; and
 - (8) Eighth Circuit: Four circuit judges.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this rule shall become effective July 1, 1997.

DATED at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of March, 1997.

BY THE COURT:

ATTEST

Robert A. Miller, Chief Justice

Clerk of the Supreme Court

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