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*AN ACT To amend sections 43 and 34 of the Bankruptcy Act (11 U.S.C. 71, 62) to simplify the
filling of referee vacancies.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in
Congress assembled,* That subdivision b of section 43 of the Bankruptcy Act (11 U.S.C.
71b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

“b. A vacancy in the office of referee may be filled without any changes in the salary
or arrangements upon the recommendations of the Director, the district judge or
judges, and the circuit council that the office be so continued. If a change in the salary
or arrangements is recommended by the Director, the district judge or judges, or the
circuit council, a vacancy shall not be filled until the Conference has acted thereon.”

SEC. 2. Subdivision a of section 34 of the Bankruptcy Act (11 U.S.C. 62a) is hereby
amended by striking the word “senior” and inserting in the place thereof the word
“chief” and to make the last sentence thereof read as follows: “Upon the expiration of
his term, a referee in bankruptcy shall continue to perform the duties of his office
until his successor is appointed and qualifies provided the filling of the vacancy has
been authorized as provided in subdivision b of section 43 of this Act.”

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