A BILL

To require the establishment of defender organizations by Federal judicial districts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Access to Justice Act
of 2022”.

SEC. 2. DEFENDER ORGANIZATIONS.

Section 3006A(g)(1) of title 18, United States Code,
is amended—

(1) in the heading, by striking “QUALIFICA-
tIONS” and inserting “REQUIREMENT”;
(2) in the first sentence, by striking “or a part
of a district in which at least two hundred persons
annually require the appointment of counsel may’’
and inserting “shall”; and

(3) by striking the second sentence and insert-
ing the following: “Notwithstanding the preceding
sentence, 2 adjacent districts or parts of districts
may establish a single defender organization to serve
both areas.”.