

SENATE FILE NO. SF0026

District court judge increase.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to district courts; providing for an
2 additional district court judge in the fourth judicial
3 district; providing an appropriation and authorizing
4 additional positions; specifying contingencies for
5 implementing the act; and providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 5-3-102(a) is amended to read:

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11 **5-3-102. Number of judges; distribution among**
12 **districts; concurrent jurisdiction; judicial conference to**
13 **adopt rules.**

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15 (a) There shall be ~~one (1) judge of the district~~
16 ~~court in the fourth judicial district,~~ two (2) judges of
17 the district court in the second, fourth, fifth and eighth

1 judicial districts and three (3) judges of the district
2 court in the first, third, sixth, seventh and ninth
3 judicial districts. In the second judicial district, one
4 (1) judge shall reside in Albany county and one (1) shall
5 reside in Carbon county. In the third judicial district two
6 (2) judges shall reside in Sweetwater county. In the fourth
7 judicial district, one (1) judge shall reside in Sheridan
8 county and one (1) shall reside in Johnson county. In the
9 ninth judicial district one (1) judge shall reside in
10 Fremont county, one (1) judge shall reside in Teton county
11 and one (1) judge shall reside in Sublette county. All
12 district judges in the state shall have concurrent
13 jurisdiction throughout the state and for purposes of
14 assignment, shall have concurrent jurisdiction throughout
15 the state with all circuit court judges.

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17 **Section 2.**

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19 (a) There is appropriated nine hundred sixteen
20 thousand nine hundred fifty dollars (\$916,950.00) from the
21 general fund to the Wyoming supreme court for the biennium
22 beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2014. This
23 appropriation shall only be expended for salaries,
24 benefits, office equipment, supplies and fees necessary to

1 implement the office of the fourth judicial district court
2 judge in Johnson county authorized by this act.
3 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
4 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
5 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
6 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
7 by law on June 30, 2014.

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9 (b) There are authorized four (4) full-time
10 equivalent positions for the biennium beginning July 1,
11 2012 and ending June 30, 2014 to implement the purposes of
12 this act.

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14 **Section 3.** No action shall be undertaken to fill, or
15 to begin the process of appointment for, the judicial
16 position authorized under this act until the chief justice
17 of the Wyoming supreme court certifies in writing to the
18 joint appropriations interim committee that suitable
19 facilities in Johnson county are available and are ready
20 for occupancy for the new judge. Adequate facilities shall
21 include provision for court room security, a suitable court
22 room to accommodate a twelve (12) person jury, offices and
23 other required auxiliary facilities.

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1 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2012.

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3 (END)