

ORIGINAL SENATE
FILE NO. SF0026

ENROLLED ACT NO. 25, SENATE

SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2022 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to the judiciary; providing for an additional district court judge in the third judicial district; providing for an additional district court judge in the seventh judicial district; authorizing an additional district judge position in the sixth judicial district; specifying conditions for the authorization to be effective; providing appropriations; authorizing additional positions; and providing for an effective date.

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

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

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

(a) There shall be two (2) judges of the district court in the second, fourth, fifth and eighth judicial districts, three (3) judges of the district court in the ~~third, sixth, seventh~~ and ninth judicial districts and four (4) judges of the district court in the first, third and seventh judicial ~~district-districts~~. In the second judicial district, one (1) judge shall reside in Albany county and one (1) shall reside in Carbon county. In the third judicial district two (2) judges shall reside in Sweetwater county. In the fourth judicial district, one (1) judge shall reside in Sheridan county and one (1) shall reside in Johnson county. In the ninth judicial district one (1) judge shall reside in Fremont county, one (1) judge shall reside in Teton county and one (1) judge shall reside in Sublette county. All district judges in the state shall have concurrent jurisdiction throughout the state and for purposes of assignment, shall have concurrent jurisdiction throughout the state with all circuit court judges.

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Section 2.

(a) There is appropriated from the general fund one million one hundred seventeen thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,117,600.00) to the third judicial district court for the biennium beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024. This appropriation shall only be expended for salaries, benefits, office equipment, supplies and fees necessary to implement the office of the third judicial district court judge in the third judicial district authorized in section 1 of this act. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2024.

(b) There are authorized four (4) full-time equivalent positions, one (1) of which shall be the judge authorized in section 1 of this act, for the third judicial district court for personnel necessary to staff and support the additional district judge for the third judicial district authorized by this act for the biennium beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024.

(c) Suitable facilities for the additional district judge for the third judicial district authorized in this act shall be provided in the third judicial district. Suitable facilities shall include a suitable courtroom to accommodate a twelve (12) person jury, offices and other necessary auxiliary facilities.

Section 3.

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(a) There is appropriated from the general fund one million one hundred seventeen thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,117,600.00) to the seventh judicial district court for the biennium beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024. This appropriation shall only be expended for salaries, benefits, office equipment, supplies and fees necessary to implement the office of the seventh judicial district court judge in the seventh judicial district authorized in section 1 of this act. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2024.

(b) There are authorized four (4) full-time equivalent positions, one (1) of which shall be the judge authorized in section 1 of this act, for the seventh judicial district court for personnel necessary to staff and support the additional district judge for the seventh judicial district authorized by this act for the biennium beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024.

(c) Suitable facilities for the additional district judge for the seventh judicial district authorized in this section shall be provided in the seventh judicial district. Suitable facilities shall include a suitable courtroom to accommodate a twelve (12) person jury, offices and other necessary auxiliary facilities.

Section 4.

(a) The sixth judicial district shall be authorized an additional district judge position beyond those authorized under W.S. 5-3-102(a) upon completion of all of the following:

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(i) Certification by the chief justice of the Wyoming supreme court that adequate and suitable facilities in the sixth judicial district have been completed and are ready for occupancy for the additional district court judge. Adequate facilities shall include a suitable courtroom to accommodate a twelve (12) person jury, offices and other necessary auxiliary facilities. The courtroom, offices and other auxiliary facilities shall be in addition to those existing for district court purposes in the sixth judicial district as of July 1, 2022;

(ii) Delivery of the certification to the joint appropriations committee and the joint judiciary interim committee. Upon receipt of the certification, either committee may sponsor any legislation necessary to implement the additional district court judge position, to make any necessary appropriations and to authorize any necessary additional support positions; and

(iii) Enactment into law of legislation authorizing the filling of the additional district court judge position.

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Section 5. This act is effective July 1, 2022.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk