

SENATE FILE NO. SF0053

Sixth judicial district-number of judges.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Landen, Barlow and Furphy and
Representative(s) Chestek, Crago, Oakley and
Washut

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the judiciary; providing for an
2 additional district judge for the sixth judicial district;
3 specifying requirements for suitable facilities; providing
4 an appropriation; authorizing positions; and providing for
5 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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1 (a) There shall be two (2) judges of the district
2 court in the second, fourth, fifth and eighth judicial
3 districts, three (3) judges of the district court in the
4 ~~sixth and ninth~~ judicial ~~districts~~ district and four (4)
5 judges of the district court in the first, third, sixth and
6 seventh judicial districts. In the second judicial
7 district, one (1) judge shall reside in Albany county and
8 one (1) shall reside in Carbon county. In the third
9 judicial district two (2) judges shall reside in Sweetwater
10 county. In the fourth judicial district, one (1) judge
11 shall reside in Sheridan county and one (1) shall reside in
12 Johnson county. In the ninth judicial district one (1)
13 judge shall reside in Fremont county, one (1) judge shall
14 reside in Teton county and one (1) judge shall reside in
15 Sublette county. All district judges in the state shall
16 have concurrent jurisdiction throughout the state and for
17 purposes of assignment, shall have concurrent jurisdiction
18 throughout the state with all circuit court judges.

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20 **Section 2.**

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22 (a) There is appropriated from the general fund to
23 the sixth judicial district court one million two hundred

1 forty thousand seven hundred twenty-eight dollars
2 (\$1,240,728.00) for purposes of funding the additional
3 district judge authorized in this act. This appropriation
4 shall be for the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending
5 June 30, 2026 and shall only be expended for salaries,
6 benefits, office equipment, supplies and fees necessary to
7 implement the office of the sixth judicial district court
8 judge in the sixth judicial district authorized in section
9 1 of this act. This appropriation shall not be transferred
10 or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
11 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall
12 revert as provided by law on June 30, 2026.

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14 (b) There are authorized four (4) full-time
15 equivalent positions, one (1) of which shall be the judge
16 authorized in section 1 of this act, for the sixth judicial
17 district court for personnel necessary to staff and support
18 the additional district judge for the sixth judicial
19 district authorized by this act for the biennium beginning
20 July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026.

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22 (c) Suitable facilities for the additional district
23 judge for the sixth judicial district authorized in this

1 act shall be provided in the sixth judicial district.
2 Suitable facilities shall include a suitable courtroom to
3 accommodate a twelve (12) person jury, offices and other
4 necessary auxiliary facilities.

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6 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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