

HOUSE BILL No. 1303

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 33-33-10.

Synopsis: Clark County courts. Establishes a fifth and sixth circuit court in Clark County.

Effective: July 1, 2020.

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January 14, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.



Second Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2020)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2019 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 33-33-10-2.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.201-2011,
2 SECTION 35, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 2.5. (a) The Clark circuit court is a court of
4 general jurisdiction with ~~four (4)~~ **six (6)** judges. The divisions of the
5 court shall be known as Clark circuit court No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, ~~and~~ No.
6 **4, No. 5, and No. 6**. Clark County constitutes the judicial district of the
7 court and each of the court's divisions. The court shall maintain the
8 following dockets:
9 (1) A small claims and misdemeanor division under IC 33-28-3
10 that has a:
11 (A) small claims docket; and
12 (B) minor offenses and violations docket.
13 (2) Criminal.
14 (3) Juvenile.
15 (4) Civil.
16 (5) Probate.
17 (b) The assignment of judges of the circuit court to the dockets



- 1 specified in subsection (a) must be by rule of the circuit court.
2 SECTION 2. IC 33-33-10-2.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
3 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: **Sec. 2.6. (a) Notwithstanding section**
5 **2.5 of this chapter, Clark circuit courts No. 5 and No. 6 are**
6 **established January 1, 2023.**
7 **(b) The first judges of Clark circuit courts No. 5 and No. 6 shall:**
8 **(1) be elected at the November 2022 general election;**
9 **(2) take office January 1, 2023; and**
10 **(3) serve a term of six (6) years.**
11 **(c) This section expires January 1, 2029.**

