

ORIGINAL SENATE
FILE NO. SF0053

ENROLLED ACT NO. 43, SENATE

SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2024 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to the judiciary; providing for an additional district judge for the sixth judicial district; specifying requirements for suitable facilities; providing an appropriation; authorizing 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 ~~sixth and ninth judicial districts~~ district and four (4) judges of the district court in the first, third, sixth and seventh judicial 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.

Section 2.

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(a) There is appropriated from the general fund to the sixth judicial district court one million two hundred forty thousand seven hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$1,240,728.00) for purposes of funding the additional district judge authorized in this act. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026 and shall only be expended for salaries, benefits, office equipment, supplies and fees necessary to implement the office of the sixth judicial district court judge in the sixth 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, 2026.

(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 sixth judicial district court for personnel necessary to staff and support the additional district judge for the sixth judicial district authorized by this act for the biennium beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026.

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

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

(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