

SENATE FILE NO. SF0090

First judicial district-number of district judges.

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the judiciary; providing for an
 2 additional district court judge in the first judicial
 3 district; repealing prior authorization and chief justice
 4 certification for an additional district court judge;
 5 providing an appropriation; authorizing additional
 6 positions; and providing for an effective date.

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

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

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12 **5-3-102. Number of judges; distribution among**
 13 **districts; concurrent jurisdiction; judicial conference to**
 14 **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, ~~and~~ three (3) judges of the district court in
4 the ~~first,~~ third, sixth, seventh and ninth judicial
5 districts and four (4) judges of the district court in the
6 first judicial district. In the second judicial district,
7 one (1) judge shall reside in Albany county and one (1)
8 shall reside in Carbon county. In the third judicial
9 district two (2) judges shall reside in Sweetwater county.
10 In the fourth judicial district, one (1) judge shall reside
11 in Sheridan county and one (1) shall reside in Johnson
12 county. In the ninth judicial district one (1) judge shall
13 reside in Fremont county, one (1) judge shall reside in
14 Teton county and one (1) judge shall reside in Sublette
15 county. All district judges in the state shall have
16 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.** 2016 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 70 is
21 repealed.

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23 **Section 3.**

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2 (a) There is appropriated one million ninety thousand
3 fifty-nine dollars (\$1,090,059.00) from the general fund to
4 the first judicial district court for the biennium
5 beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2020. This
6 appropriation shall only be expended for salaries,
7 benefits, office equipment, supplies and fees necessary to
8 implement the office of the first judicial district court
9 judge in Laramie county authorized in section 1 of this
10 act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
11 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
12 other purpose. Any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining
13 from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on
14 June 30, 2020.

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16 (b) There are authorized four (4) full-time
17 equivalent positions, one of which shall be the judge
18 authorized in section 1 of this act, for the first judicial
19 district court for personnel necessary to staff and support
20 the district judge authorized by this act for the biennium
21 beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2020 to
22 implement the purposes of this act.

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1 **Section 4.** Suitable facilities for the additional
2 district judge authorized in this act shall be provided in
3 Laramie county. Suitable facilities shall include a
4 suitable courtroom to accommodate a twelve (12) person
5 jury, offices and other necessary auxiliary facilities. The
6 courtroom, offices and other necessary auxiliary facilities
7 shall be in addition to those existing for district court
8 purposes in Laramie county as of July 1, 2016.

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10 **Section 5.** This act is effective July 1, 2018.

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