

ORIGINAL SENATE
FILE NO. SF0090

ENROLLED ACT NO. 26, SENATE

SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2018 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to the judiciary; providing for an additional district court judge in the first judicial district; repealing prior authorization and chief justice certification for an additional district court judge; providing an appropriation; 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, ~~and~~ three (3) judges of the district court in the ~~first,~~ third, sixth, seventh and ninth judicial districts and four (4) judges of the district court in the first judicial district. 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Section 2. 2016 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 70 is repealed.

Section 3.

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

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

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

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

(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