



AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO DISTRICT COURT JUDGES; ADDING JUDGES TO CERTAIN JUDICIAL DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION OF THE ADDITIONAL JUDGES; AMENDING SECTION 3-5-102, MCA; PROVIDING FOR CONTINGENT VOIDNESS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 3-5-102, MCA, is amended to read:

"3-5-102. Number of judges. In each judicial district, there must be the following number of judges of the district court:

(1) in the 2nd, 7th, 16th, 20th, and 21st districts, two judges each;

(2) in the 18th district, three judges;

(3) in the 1st, 8th, and 11th districts, four judges;

~~(3)(4) in the 1st, 4th, 8th, and 11th districts, four judges each~~ district, five judges;

~~(4)(5) in the 13th district, six~~ eight judges;

~~(5)(6) in all other districts, one judge each."~~

Section 2. Appointment and election of judges. (1) The additional judges for the 13th judicial district must be elected at the general election to be held in November 2018 for a 6-year term to begin January 2, 2019.

(2) The additional judge for the 4th judicial district must be appointed pursuant to the provisions of Title 3, chapter 1, part 10, to take office October 1, 2018 for a term ending December 31, 2020, and, if elected, a subsequent 6-year term to begin January 1, 2021.

Section 3. Contingent voidness. If House Bill No. 2 is passed and approved and if it does not provide funding for personal services and operating expenses to support the additional judges provided for in [this act], then [this act] is void.

Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2017.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 0044, originated in the House.

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2017.

Chief Clerk of the House

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2017.

HOUSE BILL NO. 44
INTRODUCED BY J. ESSMANN
BY REQUEST OF THE SUPREME COURT

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