

# Judicial Redistricting Commission

## Analysis of Proposal 5

Proposed by Representative Nate McConnell

### Description:

- Combine the 6<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Districts with Carbon and Stillwater Counties from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District to create a two-judge district.
  - Move Big Horn County from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District to the existing two-judge 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.
  - One judge position would be available to shift to another judicial district after 2018.

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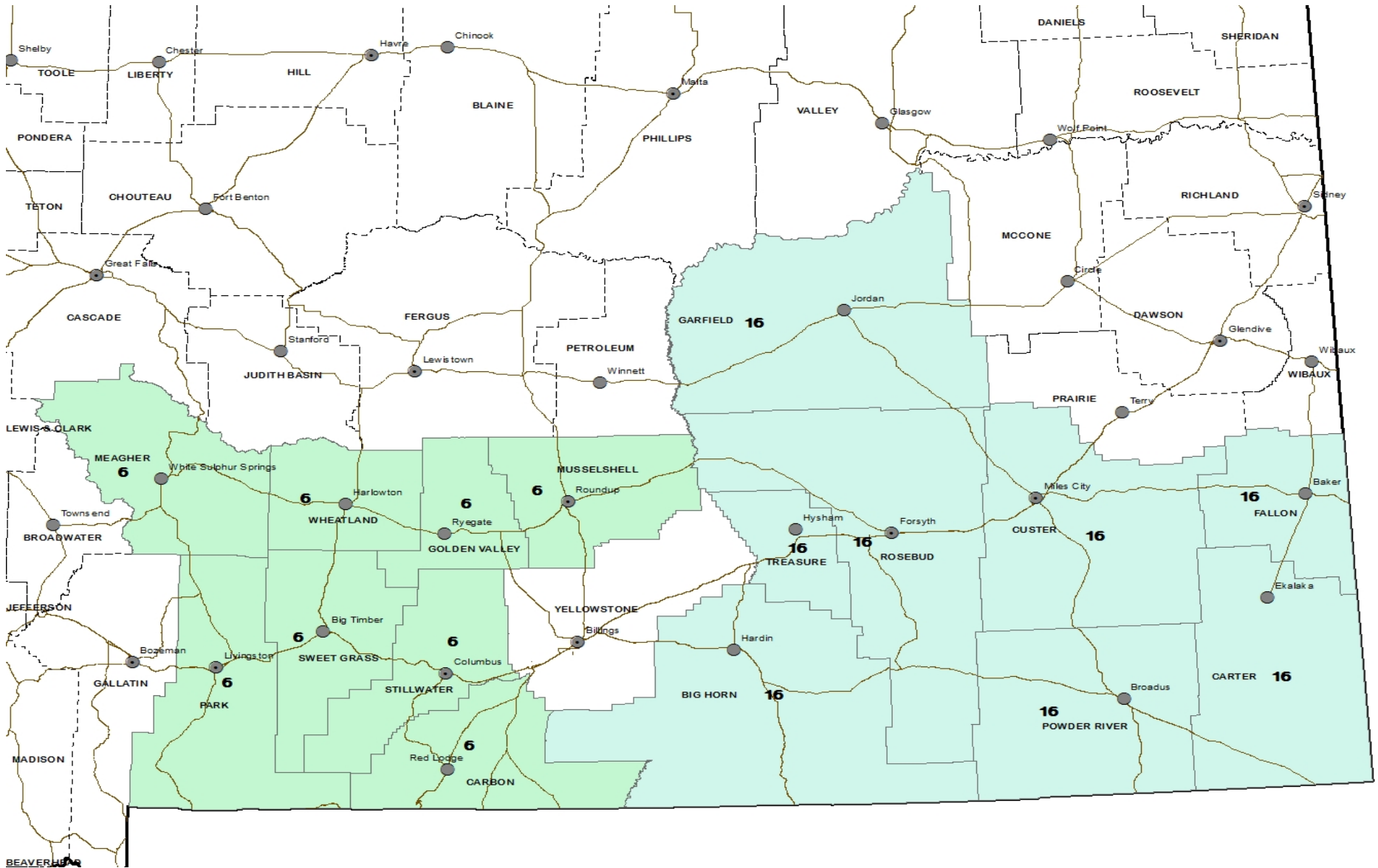
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# Map of Proposal 5



## Comparison of Existing Districts to Proposed Districts: Judges and District Workload Data

	6 <sup>th</sup> District – Existing	6 <sup>th</sup> District – Proposed	14 <sup>th</sup> District – Existing	14 <sup>th</sup> District - Proposed	16 <sup>th</sup> District – Existing	16 <sup>th</sup> District - Proposed	22 <sup>nd</sup> District – Existing	22 <sup>nd</sup> District - Proposed
Counties	2	8	4	N/A	7	8	3	N/A
Judges	1	2	1	N/A	2	2	1	N/A
Judge Locations	Livingston	Livingston until 2018 election; TBD after election	Roundup	N/A	Miles City, Forsyth	Miles City until 2020; Forsyth until 2018 and TBD after election	Columbus	N/A
Expiration of Judge Terms	2018	Same	2018	N/A	2020 and 2018	Same	2018	N/A
Distance from furthest county seats	35 miles (Livingston to Big Timber)	182 miles (Red Lodge to White Sulphur Springs)	126 miles (Roundup to White Sulphur Springs)	N/A	200 miles (Jordan to Ekalaka)	235 miles (Hardin to Ekalaka)	87 miles (Columbus to Hardin)	N/A
2015 District Judicial Demand (includes travel)*	1.02	2.47	0.62	N/A	2.00	2.67	1.54	N/A
2015 District Judicial Need*	0.02	0.47	-0.38	N/A	0.00	0.67	0.54	N/A

\*The travel factor for the proposed 6<sup>th</sup> district was the travel minutes for the existing 6<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> combined with ½ of the travel minutes from the 22<sup>nd</sup> in 2015. The travel factor for the proposed 16<sup>th</sup> was the travel minutes for the existing 16<sup>th</sup> combined with ½ of the travel minutes from the 22<sup>nd</sup> in 2015. Changes in travel due to reallocation of counties are estimates and will affect the reliability of the judicial need calculation. Some districts might experience a reduction in judge travel; others might experience an increase.

The district assigned the judge position freed up by the district adjustments will experience a reduction in judicial need of 1.0.

## Comparison of Existing Districts to Proposed Districts: County Judge Needs and Populations

	6 <sup>th</sup> District – Existing	6 <sup>th</sup> District – Proposed	14 <sup>th</sup> District – Existing	14 <sup>th</sup> District - Proposed	16 <sup>th</sup> District – Existing	16 <sup>th</sup> District - Proposed	22 <sup>nd</sup> District – Existing	22 <sup>nd</sup> District - Proposed
2014 County Population Estimates								
Park	15,880	15,880	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sweet Grass	3,665	3,665	-	-	-	-	-	-
Golden Valley	-	852	852	-	-	-	-	-
Meagher	-	1,853	1,853	-	-	-	-	-
Musselshell	-	4,589	4,589	-	-	-	-	-
Wheatland	-	2,102	2,102	-	-	-	-	-
Carter	-	-	-	-	1,169	1,169	-	-
Custer	-	-	-	-	12,092	12,092	-	-
Fallon	-	-	-	-	3,108	3,108	-	-
Garfield	-	-	-	-	1,309	1,309	-	-
Powder River	-	-	-	-	1,783	1,783	-	-
Rosebud	-	-	-	-	9,326	9,326	-	-
Treasure	-	-	-	-	692	692	-	-
Big Horn	-	-	-	-	-	13,282	13,282	-
Carbon	-	10,399	-	-	-	-	10,399	-
Stillwater	-	9,290	-	-	-	-	9,290	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,545</b> (16 <sup>th</sup> of 22)	<b>48,630</b>	<b>9,396</b> (22 <sup>nd</sup> of 22)	-	<b>29,479</b> (12 <sup>th</sup> of 22)	<b>42,761</b>	<b>32,971</b> (10 <sup>th</sup> of 22)	-

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2015 Judge Need by County (no travel or treatment court time included)								
Park	0.80	0.80	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sweet Grass	0.12	0.12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Golden Valley	-	0.03	0.03	-	-	-	-	-
Meagher	-	0.08	0.08	-	-	-	-	-
Musselshell	-	0.33	0.33	-	-	-	-	-
Wheatland	-	0.13	0.13	-	-	-	-	-
Carter	-	-	-	-	0.04	0.04	-	-
Custer	-	-	-	-	0.82	0.82	-	-
Fallon	-	-	-	-	0.13	0.13	-	-
Garfield	-	-	-	-	0.03	0.03	-	-
Powder River	-	-	-	-	0.04	0.04	-	-
Rosebud	-	-	-	-	0.40	0.40	-	-
Treasure	-	-	-	-	0.01	0.01	-	-
Big Horn	-	-	-	-	-	0.56	0.56	-
Carbon	-	0.38	-	-	-	-	0.38	-
Stillwater	-	0.38	-	-	-	-	0.38	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>2.25</b>	<b>0.57</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.47</b>	<b>2.03</b>	<b>1.32</b>	<b>-</b>

## Other Information

### Other notes

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