

Judicial Redistricting Commission

Analysis of Proposal 1

Proposed by Representative Nate McConnell

Description:

- Create a single-judge 23rd Judicial District by moving Mineral County from the 4th Judicial District and moving Sanders County and a judge position from the 20th Judicial District.
 - Lake County would comprise the revised 20th Judicial District with one judge instead of two.
 - Missoula County would comprise the revised 4th Judicial District with four judges.

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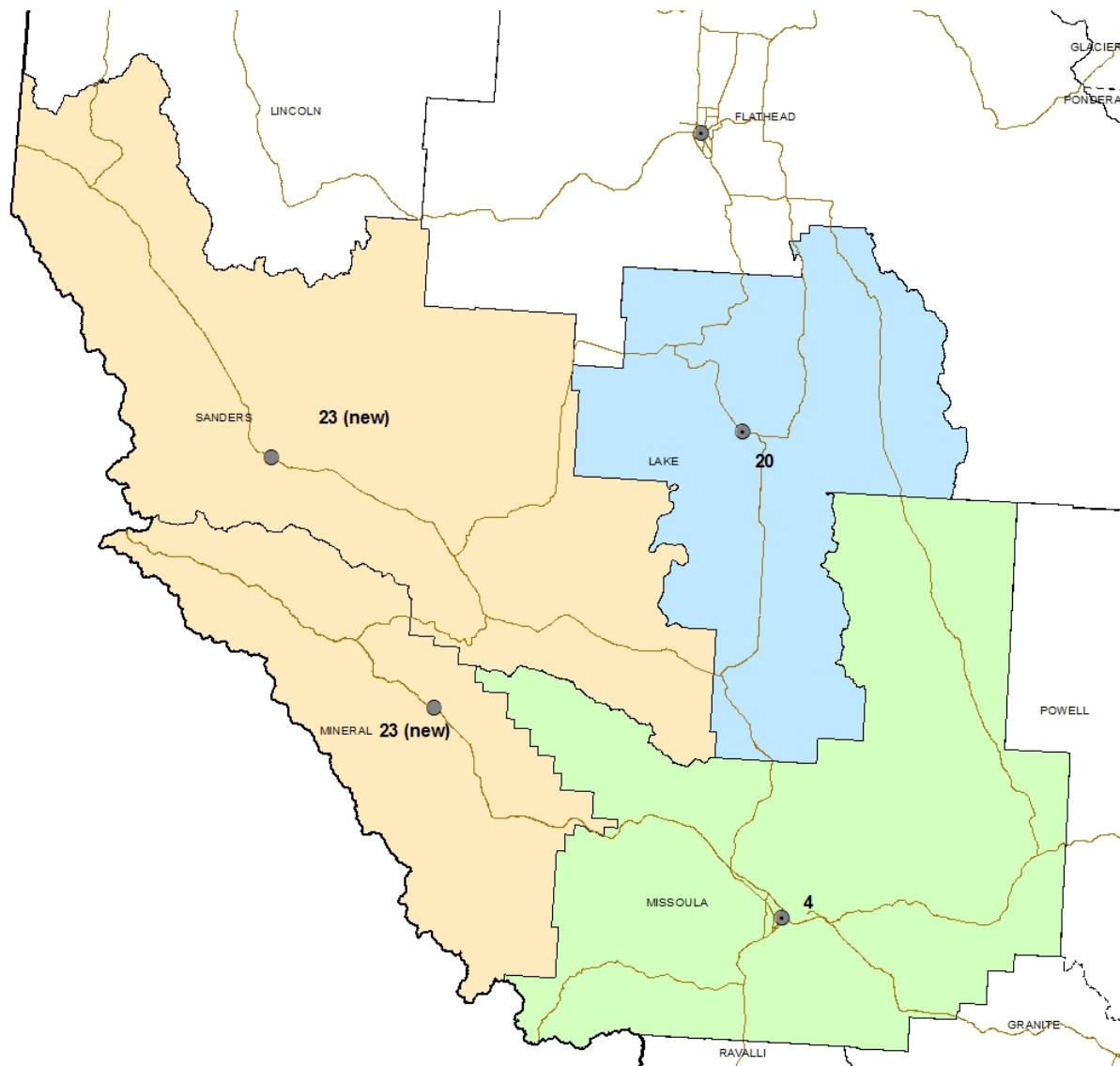
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Map of Proposal 1



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

	4 th District – Existing	4 th District – Proposed	20 th District – Existing	20 th District - Proposed	23 rd District – New
Counties	2	1	2	1	2
Judges	4 (district also has 2 standing masters)	4 (district also has 2 standing masters)	2	1	1
Judge Locations	Missoula	Missoula	Polson	Polson	TBD
Expiration of Judge Terms	2018	Same	2018	Same	2024 (judge would be elected in 2018)
Distance from furthest county seats	57 miles (Missoula to Superior)	N/A	91 miles (Polson to Thompson Falls)	N/A	69 miles (Thompson Falls to Superior)
2015 District Judicial Demand (includes travel)*	7.70	7.35	2.55	2.03	0.98
2015 District Judicial Need*	2.70	2.35	0.55	1.03	-0.02

* The travel factors remain as calculated in the 2015 data for the 4th and 20th districts. For the new 23rd district, the travel factor used is that of the 20th district.

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

	4 th District – Existing	4 th District – Proposed	20 th District – Existing	20 th District - Proposed	23 rd District – New
2014 County Population Estimates					
Mineral	4,257	-	-	-	4,257
Missoula	112,684	112,684	-	-	-
Lake	-	-	29,099	29,099	-
Sanders	-	-	11,364	-	11,364
Total	116,941 (2 nd of 22)	112,684 (2 nd of 23)	40,463 (8 th of 22)	29,099 (12 th of 23)	15,621 (21 st of 23)

2015 Judge Need by County (no travel or treatment court time included)					
Mineral	0.35	-	-	-	0.35
Missoula	6.72	6.72	-	-	-
Lake	-	-	1.92	1.92	-
Sanders	-	-	0.52	-	0.52
Total	7.07	6.72	2.44	1.92	0.87

Other Information

Other notes

- Because the travel factors for the 4th and 20th Judicial Districts are not altered from the 2015 data, it is possible that both districts' judges would travel less as a result of the district shifts. It is also possible that the 23rd district judge would not travel as much as the current 20th district judges. Either way, the changes in travel due to the reallocation of counties could not be calculated, but will affect the reliability of the judicial need calculations.
- Missoula County has a family drug court, a juvenile drug court, a co-occurring treatment court, and a veterans' treatment court.

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