

Judicial Redistricting Commission

Analysis of Proposal 2

Proposed by Senator Kristin Hansen

Description:

- Revise four judicial district boundaries.
 - Move Garfield County to the 10th Judicial District to join Petroleum, Judith Basin, and Fergus Counties. The 10th Judicial District would remain a single-judge district.
 - Move Meagher County from the 14th Judicial District to the 6th Judicial District to join Park and Sweet Grass Counties. The 6th Judicial District would remain a single-judge district.
 - Move Treasure and Rosebud Counties to the 14th Judicial District to join Musselshell, Golden Valley, and Wheatland Counties. The 14th Judicial District would remain a single-judge district.
 - The 16th Judicial District would be comprised of Custer, Fallon, Powder River, and Carter Counties with one judge instead of two.
- A judge position would be shifted to the 13th Judicial District.

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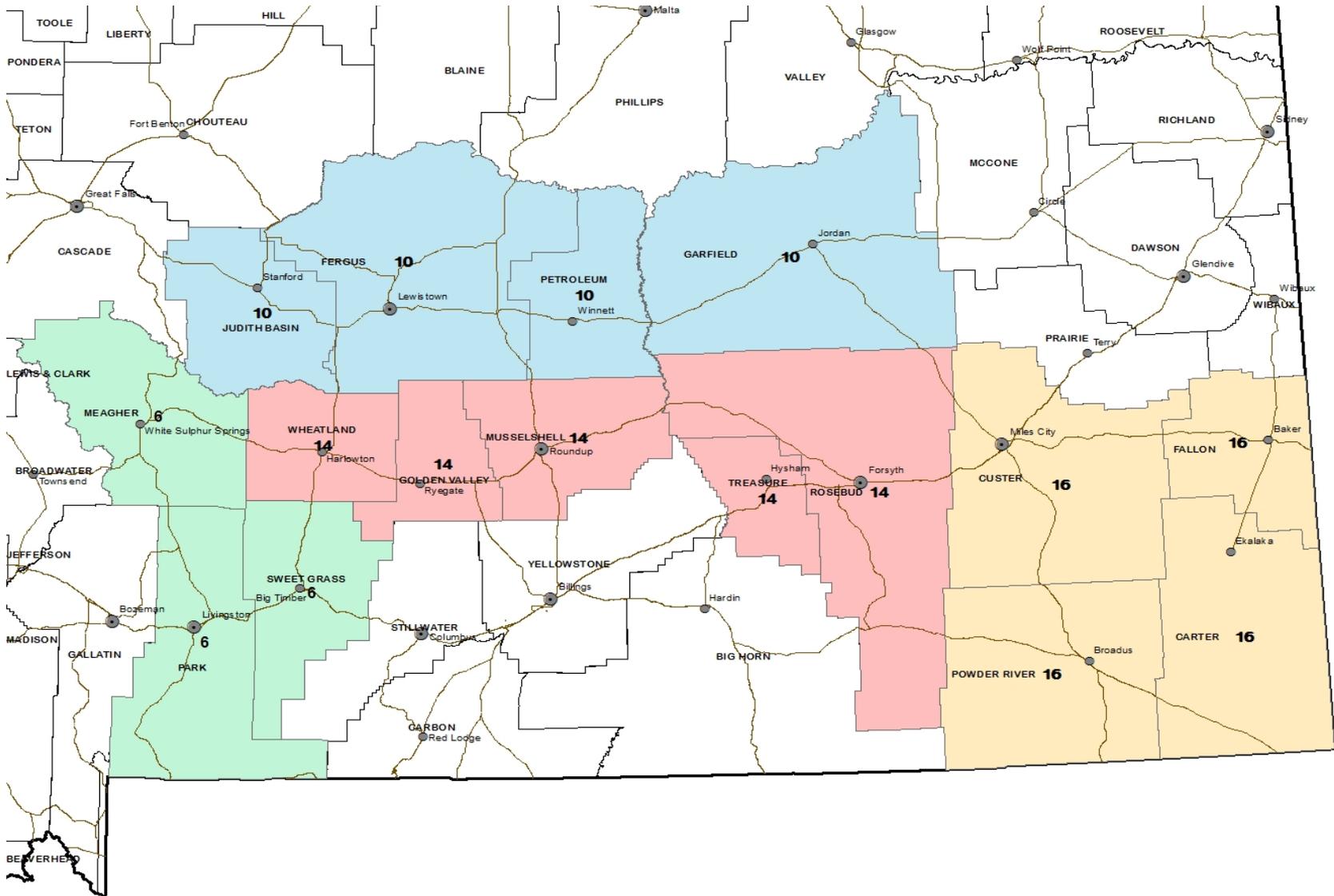
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Map of Proposal 2



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

	6 th District – Existing	6 th District – Proposed	10 th District – Existing	10 th District – Proposed	14 th District – Existing	14 th District – Proposed	16 th District – Existing	16 th District – Proposed
Counties	2	3	3	4	4	5	7	4
Judges	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
Judge Locations	Livingston	Livingston until 2018 election; TBD after	Lewistown	Lewistown until 2018 election; TBD after	Roundup	Roundup until 2018 election; TBD after	Miles City, Forsyth	Miles City until 2020; TBD after
Expiration of Judge Terms	2018	Same	2018	Same	2018	Same	2020 and 2018	2020
Distance from furthest county seats	35 miles (Livingston to Big Timber)	94 miles (White Sulphur Springs to Big Timber)	99 miles (Stanford to Winnett)	175 miles (Stanford to Jordan)	126 miles (Roundup to White Sulphur Springs)	170 miles (Harlowton to Forsyth)	200 miles (Jordan to Ekalaka)	192 (Broadus to Ekalaka)
2015 District Judicial Demand (includes travel)*	1.02	1.09	1.00	1.03	0.62	0.96	2.00	1.56
2015 District Judicial Need*	0.02	0.09	0.00	0.03	-0.38	-0.04	0.00	0.56

* The travel factors remain as calculated in the 2015 data for the districts. Changes in travel due to reallocation of counties could not be calculated, but will affect the reliability of the judicial need calculation. Some districts might experience a reduction in judge travel; others might experience an increase.

Change in estimated judicial need in 13th Judicial District: reduction of 1 (6.18 to 5.18)

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

	6 th District – Existing	6 th District – Proposed	10 th District – Existing	10 th District – Proposed	14 th District – Existing	14 th District – Proposed	16 th District – Existing	16 th District – Proposed
2014 County Population Estimates								
Park	15,880	15,880	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sweet Grass	3,665	3,665	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fergus	-	-	11,442	11,442	-	-	-	-
Judith Basin	-	-	1,991	1,991	-	-	-	-
Petroleum	-	-	485	485	-	-	-	-
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
Garfield	-	-	-	1,309	-	-	1,309	-
Fallon	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,108	3,108
Powder River	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,783	1,783
Rosebud	-	-	-	-	-	9,326	9,326	-
Treasure	-	-	-	-	-	692	692	-
Total	19,545 (16 th of 22)	21,398 (15 th of 22)	13,918 (21 st of 22)	15,227 (22 nd of 22)	9,396 (22 nd of 22)	17,561 (20 th of 22)	29,479 (12 th of 22)	18,152 (19 th of 22)

2015 Judge Need by County (no travel or treatment court time included)	6 th District – Existing	6 th District – Proposed	10 th District – Existing	10 th District – Proposed	14 th District – Existing	14 th District – Proposed	16 th District – Existing	16 th District – Proposed
Park	0.8	0.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sweet Grass	0.12	0.12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fergus	-	-	0.85	0.85	-	-	-	-
Judith Basin	-	-	0.08	0.08	-	-	-	-
Petroleum	-	-	0.02	0.02	-	-	-	-
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
Garfield	-	-	-	0.03	-	-	0.03	-
Fallon	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.13	0.13
Powder River	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.04	0.04
Rosebud	-	-	-	-	-	0.4	0.4	-
Treasure	-	-	-	-	-	0.01	0.01	-
Total	0.92	1.0	0.95	0.98	.57	0.9	1.47	1.03

Other Information

Other notes

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