

Judicial Redistricting Commission

Analysis of Proposal 5

Proposed by Representative Nate McConnell

Description:

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

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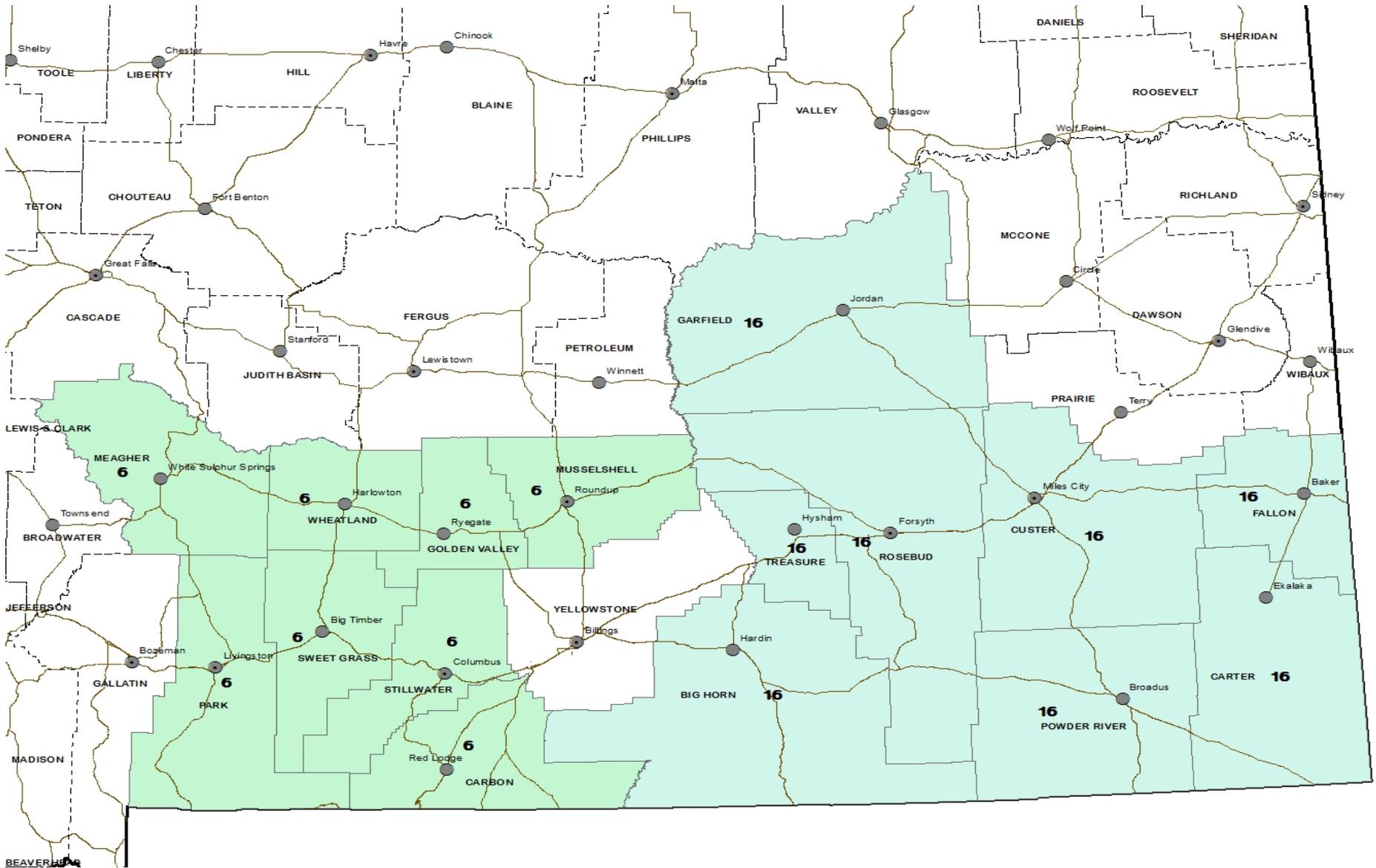
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Map of Proposal 5



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

	6 th District – Existing	6 th District – Proposed	14 th District – Existing	14 th District - Proposed	16 th District – Existing	16 th District - Proposed	22 nd District – Existing	22 nd 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 6th district was the travel minutes for the existing 6th and 14th combined with ½ of the travel minutes from the 22nd in 2015. The travel factor for the proposed 16th was the travel minutes for the existing 16th combined with ½ of the travel minutes from the 22nd 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 th District – Existing	6 th District – Proposed	14 th District – Existing	14 th District - Proposed	16 th District – Existing	16 th District - Proposed	22 nd District – Existing	22 nd 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	-
Total	19,545 (16 th of 22)	52,622 (7 th of 20)	9,396 (22 nd of 22)	-	29,479 (12 th of 22)	38,769 (10 th of 20)	32,971 (10 th of 22)	-

	6 th District – Existing	6 th District – Proposed	14 th District – Existing	14 th District - Proposed	16 th District – Existing	16 th District - Proposed	22 nd District – Existing	22 nd District - Proposed
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	-
Total	0.92	2.25	0.57	-	1.47	2.03	1.32	-

Other Information

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