

# Judicial Redistricting Commission

## Analysis of Proposal 6

Proposed by Representative Nate McConnell

### Description:

- Revise four judicial district boundaries.
  - Move Garfield County from the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District and Chouteau County from the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District to the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District to join Petroleum, Judith Basin, and Fergus Counties. The 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District would remain a single-judge district.
  - Move Blaine County from the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District to the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District to join Hill and Liberty Counties. The 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District would remain single-judge district.
  - Combine Phillips and Valley Counties from the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District with Daniels, Sheridan, and Roosevelt Counties from the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District to form a single-judge district.
- One judge position would be available to shift to another judicial district after 2018.

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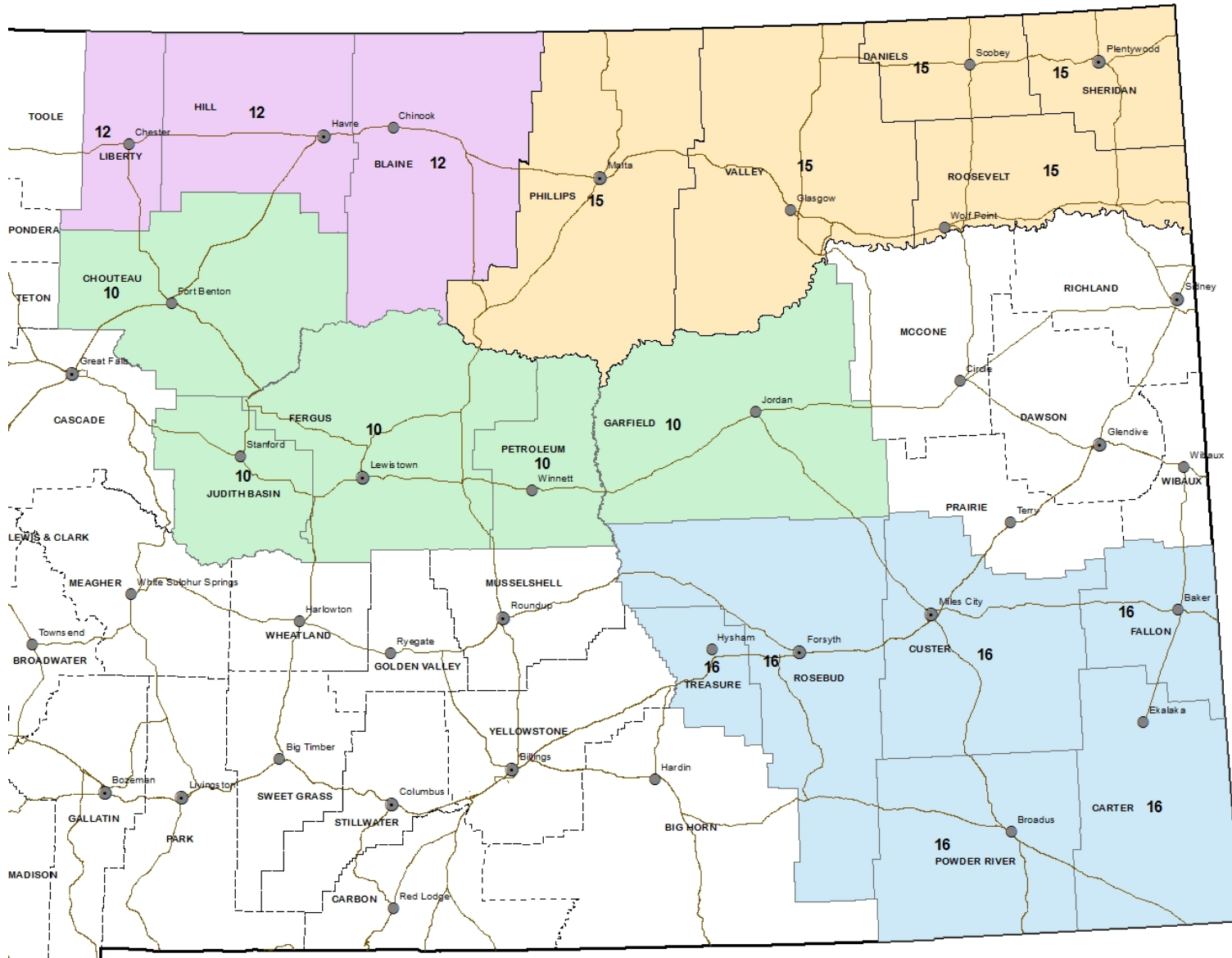
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# Map of Proposal 6



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

	10 <sup>th</sup> District – Existing	10 <sup>th</sup> District – Proposed	12 <sup>th</sup> District – Existing	12 <sup>th</sup> District – Proposed	15 <sup>th</sup> District – Existing	15 <sup>th</sup> District – Proposed	16 <sup>th</sup> District – Existing	16 <sup>th</sup> District – Proposed	17 <sup>th</sup> District – Existing	17 <sup>th</sup> District – Proposed
Counties	3	5	3	3	3	5	7	6	3	-
Judges	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	-
Judge Locations	Lewistown	Lewistown until 2018 election; TBD after election	Havre	Havre until 2018 election; TBD after election	Plentywood	Plentywood until 2018 election; TBD after election	Miles City, Forsyth	Same	Malta	-
Expiration of Judge Terms	2018	Same	2018	Same	2018	Same	2020 and 2018	Same	2018	-
Distance from furthest county seats	99 miles (Stanford to Winnett)	229 miles (Fort Benton to Jordan)	75 miles (Fort Benton to Havre)	81 miles (Chester to Chinook)	96 miles (Plentywood to Wolf Point)	215 miles (Malta to Plentywood)	200 miles (Jordan to Ekalaka)	189 miles (Hysham to Ekalaka)	137 miles (Chinook to Glasgow)	-
2015 District Judicial Demand (includes travel)*	1.00	1.19	1.39	1.43	0.96	1.58	2.00	1.97	1.02	-
2015 District Judicial Need*	0.00	0.19	0.39	0.43	-0.04	0.58	0.00	-0.03	0.02	-

\*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.

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

	10 <sup>th</sup> District – Existing	10 <sup>th</sup> District – Proposed	12 <sup>th</sup> District – Existing	12 <sup>th</sup> District - Proposed	15 <sup>th</sup> District – Existing	15 <sup>th</sup> District – Proposed	16 <sup>th</sup> District – Existing	16 <sup>th</sup> District – Proposed	17 <sup>th</sup> District – Existing	17 <sup>th</sup> District - Proposed
2014 County Population Estimates										
Fergus	11,442	11,442	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judith Basin	1,991	1,991	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petroleum	485	485	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chouteau	-	5,894	5,894	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hill	-	-	16,596	16,596	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liberty	-	-	2,359	2,359	-	-	-	-	-	-
Daniels	-	-	-	-	1,793	1,793	-	-	-	-
Roosevelt	-	-	-	-	11,332	11,332	-	-	-	-
Sheridan	-	-	-	-	3,696	3,696	-	-	-	-
Blaine	-	-	-	6,619	-	-	-	-	6,619	-
Phillips	-	-	-	-	-	4,192	-	-	4,192	-
Valley	-	-	-	-	-	7,640	-	-	7,640	-
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	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,918</b> (21 <sup>st</sup> of 22)	<b>21,121</b> (16 <sup>th</sup> of 21)	<b>24,849</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> of 22)	<b>25,574</b> (14 <sup>th</sup> of 21)	<b>16,821</b> (20 <sup>th</sup> of 22)	<b>28,653</b> (12 <sup>th</sup> of 21)	<b>29,479</b> (12 <sup>th</sup> of 22)	<b>28,170</b> (13 <sup>th</sup> of 21)	<b>18,451</b> (19 <sup>th</sup> of 22)	-

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2015 Judge Need by County (no travel or treatment court time included)										
Fergus	0.85	0.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judith Basin	0.08	0.08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petroleum	0.02	0.02	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chouteau	-	0.16	0.16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hill	-	-	1.11	1.11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liberty	-	-	0.04	0.04	-	-	-	-	-	-
Daniels	-	-	-	-	0.08	0.08	-	-	-	-
Roosevelt	-	-	-	-	0.36	0.36	-	-	-	-
Sheridan	-	-	-	-	0.20	0.20	-	-	-	-
Blaine	-	-	-	0.2	-	-	-	-	0.20	-
Phillips	-	-	-	-	-	0.21	-	-	0.21	-
Valley	-	-	-	-	-	0.41	-	-	0.41	-
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	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.95</b>	<b>1.14</b>	<b>1.31</b>	<b>1.35</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>1.26</b>	<b>1.47</b>	<b>1.44</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>-</b>

## Other Information

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