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TO: Judicial Redistricting Commission
FROM: Rachel Weiss, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division
RE: September 3 organizational meeting

The Judicial Redistricting Commission (JRC) will meet on September 3 in Helena in Room 137 of the Capitol. The meeting starts at **9 a.m.** Senator Kristin Hansen is the commission's senior senator and will preside over the meeting until the JRC elects a presiding officer and a vice presiding officer.

The tentative meeting agenda and several pieces of background information are enclosed with this meeting packet. Please bring the packet with you to Helena. At the meeting, we will provide you with a three-ring binder and additional meeting materials. You can also find online versions of most documents at the JRC website: www.leg.mt.gov/jrc.

In addition to the tentative agenda, the meeting packet includes:

- a copy of House Bill 430;
- a workload study conducted by the National Center for State Courts;
- 2014 judicial need model;
- 2014 statistics on new and re-opened cases in the District Courts; and
- a draft work plan for the JRC.

The draft work plan proposes four additional meetings between the organizational meeting and September 2016. Please come to the meeting with your calendars so the JRC can schedule one or more of those meeting dates.

Julianne Burkhardt is the JRC's staff attorney. We are both looking forward to working with you this interim and welcome you to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have. Julianne is available at 406-444-4025 or jburkhardt@mt.gov. I am available at 406-444-5367 or rweiss@mt.gov.

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