

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING JUDICIAL DISTRICT LAWS TO CREATE A JUDICIAL
5 DISTRICT FOR MINERAL AND SANDERS COUNTIES; PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL DISTRICT COURT
6 JUDGE FOR THE NEWLY CREATED 23RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND
7 AMENDING SECTION 3-5-101, MCA."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 **Section 1.** Section 3-5-101, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"3-5-101. Judicial districts defined.** In this state, there are ~~22~~ 23 judicial districts, distributed as follows:

- 13 (1) 1st district: Lewis and Clark and Broadwater Counties;
- 14 (2) 2nd district: Silver Bow County;
- 15 (3) 3rd district: Deer Lodge, Granite, and Powell Counties;
- 16 (4) 4th district: Missoula and ~~Mineral Counties~~ County;
- 17 (5) 5th district: Beaverhead, Jefferson, and Madison Counties;
- 18 (6) 6th district: Park and Sweet Grass Counties;
- 19 (7) 7th district: Dawson, McCone, Richland, Prairie, and Wibaux Counties;
- 20 (8) 8th district: Cascade County;
- 21 (9) 9th district: Teton, Pondera, Toole, and Glacier Counties;
- 22 (10) 10th district: Fergus, Judith Basin, and Petroleum Counties;
- 23 (11) 11th district: Flathead County;
- 24 (12) 12th district: Liberty, Hill, and Chouteau Counties;
- 25 (13) 13th district: Yellowstone County;
- 26 (14) 14th district: Meagher, Wheatland, Golden Valley, and Musselshell Counties;
- 27 (15) 15th district: Roosevelt, Daniels, and Sheridan Counties;
- 28 (16) 16th district: Custer, Carter, Fallon, Powder River, Garfield, Treasure, and Rosebud Counties;
- 29 (17) 17th district: Phillips, Blaine, and Valley Counties;
- 30 (18) 18th district: Gallatin County;

- 1 (19) 19th district: Lincoln County;
2 (20) 20th district: Lake ~~and Sanders Counties~~ County;
3 (21) 21st district: Ravalli County;
4 (22) 22nd district: Stillwater, Carbon, and Big Horn Counties;
5 (23) 23rd district: Sanders and Mineral Counties."
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7 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appointment and election of district court judge -- 23rd judicial
8 **district.** The judge for the 23rd judicial district must be appointed pursuant to the provisions of Title 3, chapter
9 1, part 10, to take office January 1, 2016. There must be an election for the office at the general election to be
10 held in November 2016 for a 6-year term to begin the first Monday of January following the election.
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12 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated \$865,000 from the general fund to
13 the office of court administrator for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, for the purpose of creating a judicial
14 district for Mineral and Sanders Counties as provided in [section1].
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