

SENATE BILL NO. 203

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ADDING ONE JUDGE TO THE 18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF THE ADDITIONAL JUDGE; AMENDING SECTION 3-5-102, MCA; PROVIDING FOR CONTINGENT VOIDNESS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 3-5-102, MCA, is amended to read:

"3-5-102. Number of judges. In each judicial district, there must be the following number of judges of the district court:

- (1) in the 2nd, 7th, 16th, 20th, and 21st districts, two judges each;
- (2) in the 18th district, ~~three~~ four judges;
- (3) in the 1st, 8th, and 11th districts, four judges;
- (4) in the 4th district, five judges;
- (5) in the 13th district, eight judges;
- (6) in all other districts, one judge each."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Election of judge.** The additional judge in the 18th district must be elected at the general election to be held in November 2020 for a 6-year term to begin January 1, 2021.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Contingent voidness.** If House Bill No. 2 is passed and approved and if it does not provide funding for personal services and operating expenses to support the additional judge provided for in [this act], then [this act] is void.

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2019.

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