

1 AN ACT relating to judicial districts and circuits.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 23A.020 is amended to read as follows:

4 The state is divided into judicial circuits, each to be composed of the following counties:

- 5 (1) First Judicial Circuit. Ballard, Carlisle, Fulton, and Hickman.
- 6 (2) Second Judicial Circuit. McCracken.
- 7 (3) Third Judicial Circuit. Christian.
- 8 (4) Fourth Judicial Circuit. Hopkins.
- 9 (5) Fifth Judicial Circuit. Crittenden, Union, and Webster.
- 10 (6) Sixth Judicial Circuit. Daviess ***and Hancock***.
- 11 (7) Seventh Judicial Circuit. Logan and Todd.
- 12 (8) Eighth Judicial Circuit. Warren.
- 13 (9) Ninth Judicial Circuit. Hardin.
- 14 (10) Tenth Judicial Circuit. Hart, Larue, and Nelson.
- 15 (11) Eleventh Judicial Circuit. Green, Marion, Taylor, and Washington.
- 16 (12) Twelfth Judicial Circuit. Henry, Oldham, and Trimble.
- 17 (13) Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. Garrard and Jessamine.
- 18 (14) Fourteenth Judicial Circuit. Bourbon, Scott, and Woodford.
- 19 (15) Fifteenth Judicial Circuit. Carroll, Grant, and Owen.
- 20 (16) Sixteenth Judicial Circuit. Kenton.
- 21 (17) Seventeenth Judicial Circuit. Campbell.
- 22 (18) Eighteenth Judicial Circuit. Harrison, Nicholas, Pendleton, and Robertson.
- 23 (19) Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. Bracken, Fleming, and Mason.
- 24 (20) Twentieth Judicial Circuit. Greenup and Lewis.
- 25 (21) Twenty-first Judicial Circuit. Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, and Rowan.
- 26 (22) Twenty-second Judicial Circuit. Fayette.
- 27 (23) Twenty-third Judicial Circuit. Estill, Lee, and Owsley.

- 1 (24) Twenty-fourth Judicial Circuit. Lawrence, Johnson, and Martin.
- 2 (25) Twenty-fifth Judicial Circuit. Clark and Madison.
- 3 (26) Twenty-sixth Judicial Circuit. Harlan.
- 4 (27) Twenty-seventh Judicial Circuit. Knox and Laurel.
- 5 (28) Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit. Lincoln, Pulaski, and Rockcastle.
- 6 (29) Twenty-ninth Judicial Circuit. Adair and Casey.
- 7 (30) Thirtieth Judicial Circuit. Jefferson.
- 8 (31) Thirty-first Judicial Circuit. Floyd.
- 9 (32) Thirty-second Judicial Circuit. Boyd.
- 10 (33) Thirty-third Judicial Circuit. Perry.
- 11 (34) Thirty-fourth Judicial Circuit. Whitley and McCreary.
- 12 (35) Thirty-fifth Judicial Circuit. Pike.
- 13 (36) Thirty-sixth Judicial Circuit. Magoffin and Knott.
- 14 (37) Thirty-seventh Judicial Circuit. Carter, Elliott, and Morgan.
- 15 (38) Thirty-eighth Judicial Circuit. Butler, Edmonson, **and** Ohio~~, and Hancock~~.
- 16 (39) Thirty-ninth Judicial Circuit. Breathitt, Wolfe, and Powell.
- 17 (40) Fortieth Judicial Circuit. Clinton, Cumberland, and Monroe.
- 18 (41) Forty-first Judicial Circuit. Clay, Jackson, and Leslie.
- 19 (42) Forty-second Judicial Circuit. Calloway and Marshall.
- 20 (43) Forty-third Judicial Circuit. Barren and Metcalfe.
- 21 (44) Forty-fourth Judicial Circuit. Bell.
- 22 (45) Forty-fifth Judicial Circuit. Muhlenberg and McLean.
- 23 (46) Forty-sixth Judicial Circuit. Breckinridge, Grayson, and Meade.
- 24 (47) Forty-seventh Judicial Circuit. Letcher.
- 25 (48) Forty-eighth Judicial Circuit. Franklin.
- 26 (49) Forty-ninth Judicial Circuit. Allen and Simpson.
- 27 (50) Fiftieth Judicial Circuit. Boyle and Mercer.

- 1 (51) Fifty-first Judicial Circuit. Henderson.
- 2 (52) Fifty-second Judicial Circuit. Graves.
- 3 (53) Fifty-third Judicial Circuit. Shelby, Anderson, and Spencer.
- 4 (54) Fifty-fourth Judicial Circuit. Boone and Gallatin.
- 5 (55) Fifty-fifth Judicial Circuit. Bullitt.
- 6 (56) Fifty-sixth Judicial Circuit. Caldwell, Livingston, Lyon, and Trigg.
- 7 (57) Fifty-seventh Judicial Circuit. Russell and Wayne.

8       ➔Section 2. KRS 23A.045 (Effective January 2, 2023) is amended to read as  
9 follows:

10 The following judicial circuits are entitled to three (3) Circuit Judges and shall have three  
11 (3) numbered divisions of the Circuit Court:

- 12 (1) Second Judicial Circuit.
- 13 (2) Third Judicial Circuit.
- 14 (3) ~~{Sixth Judicial Circuit.~~
- 15 ~~{(4) Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.~~
- 16 ~~{(4)}{(5)}~~ Seventeenth Judicial Circuit.
- 17 ~~{(5)}{(6)}~~ Twenty-seventh Judicial Circuit.
- 18 ~~{(6)}{(7)}~~ Thirty-fifth Judicial Circuit.
- 19 ~~{(7)}{(8)}~~ Forty-eighth Judicial Circuit.
- 20 ~~{(8)}{(9)}~~ Fifty-fifth Judicial Circuit.

21       ➔Section 3. KRS 23A.050 is amended to read as follows:

22 The following judicial circuits are entitled to four (4) judges and shall have four (4)  
23 numbered divisions of the Circuit Court:

- 24 (1) **Sixth Judicial Circuit.**
- 25 ~~{(2)}~~ Eighth Judicial Circuit.
- 26 ~~{(3)}{(2)}~~ Ninth Judicial Circuit.
- 27 ~~{(4)}{(3)}~~ Twenty-fifth Judicial Circuit.

1 ~~(5)~~~~(4)~~ Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit.

2 ~~(6)~~~~(5)~~ Fifty-fourth Judicial Circuit.

3       ➔Section 4. KRS 24A.050 is amended to read as follows:

4 The following judicial districts are entitled to two (2) District Judges and shall have two  
5 (2) numbered divisions of the District Court:

6 (1) Second Judicial District.

7 (2) Third Judicial District.

8 (3) Fourth Judicial District.

9 (4) Ninth Judicial District.

10 (5) Eleventh Judicial District.

11 (6) Twelfth Judicial District.

12 (7) Thirteenth Judicial District.

13 (8) Fourteenth Judicial District.

14 (9) Fifteenth Judicial District.

15 (10) Seventeenth Judicial District.

16 (11) Twenty-first Judicial District.

17 (12) Twenty-fourth Judicial District.

18 (13) Twenty-seventh Judicial District.

19 (14) Twenty-eighth Judicial District.

20 (15) Thirty-first Judicial District.

21 (16) Thirty-second Judicial District.

22 (17) Thirty-fourth Judicial District.

23 (18) Thirty-fifth Judicial District.

24 (19) ~~Thirty-eighth Judicial District.~~

25 ~~(20)~~Fortieth Judicial District.

26 ~~(20)~~~~(21)~~ Forty-first Judicial District.

27 ~~(21)~~~~(22)~~ Forty-sixth Judicial District.

1 ~~(22)~~~~(23)~~ Forty-eighth Judicial District.

2 ~~(23)~~~~(24)~~ Fifty-first Judicial District.

3 ~~24~~~~(25)~~ Fifty-third Judicial District.

4 ~~25~~~~(26)~~ Fifty-fourth Judicial District.

5 ~~(26)~~~~(27)~~ Fifty-sixth Judicial District.

6       ➔Section 5. KRS 24A.030 (Effective January 2, 2023) is amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 The state is divided into judicial districts, each to be composed of the following counties:

- 9 (1) First Judicial District. Ballard, Carlisle, Fulton, and Hickman.
- 10 (2) Second Judicial District. McCracken.
- 11 (3) Third Judicial District. Christian.
- 12 (4) Fourth Judicial District. Hopkins.
- 13 (5) Fifth Judicial District. Crittenden, Union, and Webster.
- 14 (6) Sixth Judicial District. Daviess ***and Hancock***.
- 15 (7) Seventh Judicial District. Logan and Todd.
- 16 (8) Eighth Judicial District. Warren.
- 17 (9) Ninth Judicial District. Hardin.
- 18 (10) Tenth Judicial District. Hart and Larue.
- 19 (11) Eleventh Judicial District. Green, Marion, Taylor, and Washington.
- 20 (12) Twelfth Judicial District. Henry, Oldham, and Trimble.
- 21 (13) Thirteenth Judicial District. Garrard, Jessamine, and Lincoln.
- 22 (14) Fourteenth Judicial District. Bourbon, Scott, and Woodford.
- 23 (15) Fifteenth Judicial District. Carroll, Grant, and Owen.
- 24 (16) Sixteenth Judicial District. Kenton.
- 25 (17) Seventeenth Judicial District. Campbell.
- 26 (18) Eighteenth Judicial District. Harrison, Nicholas, Pendleton, and Robertson.
- 27 (19) Nineteenth Judicial District. Bracken, Fleming, and Mason.

- 1 (20) Twentieth Judicial District. Greenup and Lewis.
- 2 (21) Twenty-first Judicial District. Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, and Rowan.
- 3 (22) Twenty-second Judicial District. Fayette.
- 4 (23) Twenty-third Judicial District. Estill, Lee, and Owsley.
- 5 (24) Twenty-fourth Judicial District. Lawrence, Johnson, and Martin.
- 6 (25) Twenty-fifth Judicial District. Clark and Madison.
- 7 (26) Twenty-sixth Judicial District. Harlan.
- 8 (27) Twenty-seventh Judicial District. Knox and Laurel.
- 9 (28) Twenty-eighth Judicial District. Pulaski and Rockcastle.
- 10 (29) Twenty-ninth Judicial District. Adair and Casey.
- 11 (30) Thirtieth Judicial District. Jefferson.
- 12 (31) Thirty-first Judicial District. Floyd.
- 13 (32) Thirty-second Judicial District. Boyd.
- 14 (33) Thirty-third Judicial District. Perry.
- 15 (34) Thirty-fourth Judicial District. Whitley and McCreary.
- 16 (35) Thirty-fifth Judicial District. Pike.
- 17 (36) Thirty-sixth Judicial District. Magoffin and Knott.
- 18 (37) Thirty-seventh Judicial District. Carter, Elliott, and Morgan.
- 19 (38) Thirty-eighth Judicial District. Butler, Edmonson, **and** Ohio~~, and Hancock~~.
- 20 (39) Thirty-ninth Judicial District. Breathitt, Wolfe, and Powell.
- 21 (40) Fortieth Judicial District. Clinton, Russell, and Wayne.
- 22 (41) Forty-first Judicial District. Clay, Jackson, and Leslie.
- 23 (42) Forty-second Judicial District. Calloway.
- 24 (43) Forty-third Judicial District. Barren and Metcalfe.
- 25 (44) Forty-fourth Judicial District. Bell.
- 26 (45) Forty-fifth Judicial District. Muhlenberg and McLean.
- 27 (46) Forty-sixth Judicial District. Breckinridge, Grayson, and Meade.

- 1 (47) Forty-seventh Judicial District. Letcher.  
2 (48) Forty-eighth Judicial District. Franklin.  
3 (49) Forty-ninth Judicial District. Allen and Simpson.  
4 (50) Fiftieth Judicial District. Boyle and Mercer.  
5 (51) Fifty-first Judicial District. Henderson.  
6 (52) Fifty-second Judicial District. Graves.  
7 (53) Fifty-third Judicial District. Shelby, Anderson, and Spencer.  
8 (54) Fifty-fourth Judicial District. Boone and Gallatin.  
9 (55) Fifty-fifth Judicial District. Bullitt.  
10 (56) Fifty-sixth Judicial District. Caldwell, Livingston, Lyon, and Trigg.  
11 (57) Fifty-seventh Judicial District. Nelson.  
12 (58) Fifty-eighth Judicial District. Marshall.  
13 (59) Fifty-ninth Judicial District. Cumberland and Monroe.

14 ➔Section 6. The term of the new circuit judgeship created by Section 3 of this Act  
15 shall become effective January 2, 2023, and elections to fill the judgeship shall be placed  
16 on the ballot for the regular election held in November 2022.

17 ➔Section 7. The General Assembly requests that the additional Circuit Court  
18 judgeship added in the Sixth Judicial Circuit be designated by the Supreme Court as a  
19 family court division.

20 ➔Section 8. The General Assembly requests that when the two District Court  
21 divisions of the Thirty-Eighth Judicial District are reduced to one District Court division  
22 in Section 4 of this Act, the division eliminated should be the district currently numbered  
23 as "Division Two." The division that is eliminated shall not appear on the ballot for the  
24 November 2022 regular election.

25 ➔Section 9. Sections 1 to 5 of this Act take effect on January 2, 2023.

26 ➔Section 10. For the purposes of all vacancies, primaries, regular elections, or  
27 special elections of circuit judges or district judges occurring on or after January 1, 2022,

- 1 the circuits and districts established in Sections 1 and 5 of this Act shall be used.