

HOUSE BILL NO. 314

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF DISTRICT COURT JUDGES; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL JUDGES IN THE 4TH AND 13TH JUDICIAL DISTRICTS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AMENDING SECTION 3-5-102, MCA; 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 judges;
- (3) in the 1st, ~~4th~~, 8th, and 11th districts, four judges each;
- (4) in the 4th district, five judges;
- ~~(4)~~(5) in the 13th district, ~~six~~ seven judges;
- ~~(5)~~(6) in all other districts, one judge each."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Appointment of judges.** The additional judges for the 4th and 13th judicial districts must be appointed by the governor in accordance with the provisions of Title 3, chapter 1, part 10, to take office January 1, 2018.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Contingent voidness.** If House Bill No. 2 does not contain an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses to carry out the provisions of [this act], then [this act] is void.

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2017.

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