

Assembly Bill No. 43—Committee on Judiciary

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to courts; increasing the number of district judges in the Second, Fourth and Eighth Judicial Districts; making appropriations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

The Nevada Constitution authorizes the Legislature to increase or decrease the number of district judges. (Nev. Const. Art. 6, § 5) **Section 1** of this bill increases the number of district judges from six to seven who are judges of the family court in the Second Judicial District. (NRS 3.0125) **Section 2** of this bill increases the number of district judges from two to three in the Fourth Judicial District. (NRS 3.014) **Section 4** of this bill increases the number of district judges from 20 to 26 who are judges of the family court in the Eighth Judicial District. (NRS 3.0185) **Section 5** of this bill sets out the time frame for the election of the additional district judges who will take office on January 4, 2021. **Section 5.5** of this bill makes appropriations for the salaries, travel expenses and retirement benefits of the additional district judges.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** NRS 3.0125 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.0125 For the Second Judicial District, in addition to the district judges established pursuant to NRS 3.012, there must be ~~six~~ *seven* district judges who are judges of the family court.

**Sec. 2.** NRS 3.014 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.014 For the Fourth Judicial District there must be ~~two~~ *three* district judges.

**Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)

**Sec. 4.** NRS 3.0185 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.0185 For the Eighth Judicial District, in addition to the district judges established pursuant to NRS 3.018, there must be ~~20~~ *26* district judges who are judges of the family court.

**Sec. 5.** Each additional district judge required pursuant to the amendatory provisions of sections 1 to 4, inclusive, of this act must be selected at the General Election to be held on November 3, 2020, and take office on January 4, 2021, for a term that expires on January 4, 2027.

**Sec. 5.5.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Supreme Court of Nevada the sum of \$1,032,759 for the salaries and travel expenses of the additional



district judges required by the amendatory provisions of sections 1 to 4, inclusive, of this act.

2. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Supreme Court of Nevada the sum of \$72,147 for the retirement benefits of the additional district judges required by the amendatory provisions of sections 1 to 4, inclusive, of this act.

3. Any remaining balance of the appropriations made by subsections 1 and 2 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2021, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 17, 2021, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 17, 2021.

**Sec. 6.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.

**Sec. 7.** 1. This section and section 5.5 of this act become effective on July 1, 2019.

2. Sections 5 and 6 of this act become effective October 1, 2019.

3. Sections 1 to 4, inclusive, of this act become effective on January 4, 2021.

