

SENATE FILE NO. SF0025

District judge positions-authorization.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to courts; authorizing additional district
2 judge positions in the third, sixth and seventh judicial
3 districts; specifying conditions for the authorization to
4 be effective; requiring reports; and providing for an
5 effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.**

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11 (a) The seventh judicial district shall be authorized
12 an additional district judge position beyond those
13 authorized under W.S. 5-3-102(a) upon completion of all of
14 the following:

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1 (i) Certification by the chief justice of the
2 Wyoming supreme court that adequate and suitable facilities
3 in Natrona county have been completed and are ready for
4 occupancy for the additional district court judge. Adequate
5 facilities shall include a suitable courtroom to
6 accommodate a twelve (12) person jury, offices and other
7 necessary auxiliary facilities. The courtroom, offices and
8 other auxiliary facilities shall be in addition to those
9 existing for district court purposes in Natrona county as
10 of July 1, 2022;

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12 (ii) Delivery of the certification to the joint
13 appropriations committee and the joint judiciary interim
14 committee. Upon receipt of the certification, either
15 committee may sponsor any legislation necessary to
16 implement the additional district court judge position, to
17 make any necessary appropriations and to authorize any
18 necessary additional support positions; and

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20 (iii) Enactment into law of legislation
21 authorizing the filling of the additional district court
22 judge position.

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1 **Section 2.**

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3 (a) The third judicial district shall be authorized
4 an additional district judge position beyond those
5 authorized under W.S. 5-3-102(a) upon completion of all of
6 the following:

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8 (i) Certification by the chief justice of the
9 Wyoming supreme court that adequate and suitable facilities
10 in the third judicial district have been completed and are
11 ready for occupancy for the additional district court
12 judge. Adequate facilities shall include a suitable
13 courtroom to accommodate a twelve (12) person jury, offices
14 and other necessary auxiliary facilities. The courtroom,
15 offices and other auxiliary facilities shall be in addition
16 to those existing for district court purposes in the third
17 judicial district as of July 1, 2022;

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19 (ii) Delivery of the certification to the joint
20 appropriations committee and the joint judiciary interim
21 committee. Upon receipt of the certification, either
22 committee may sponsor any legislation necessary to
23 implement the additional district court judge position, to

1 make any necessary appropriations and to authorize any
2 necessary additional support positions; and

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4 (iii) Enactment into law of legislation
5 authorizing the filling of the additional district court
6 judge position.

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8 **Section 3.**

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10 (a) The sixth judicial district shall be authorized
11 an additional district judge position beyond those
12 authorized under W.S. 5-3-102(a) upon completion of all of
13 the following:

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15 (i) Certification by the chief justice of the
16 Wyoming supreme court that adequate and suitable facilities
17 in the sixth judicial district have been completed and are
18 ready for occupancy for the additional district court
19 judge. Adequate facilities shall include a suitable
20 courtroom to accommodate a twelve (12) person jury, offices
21 and other necessary auxiliary facilities. The courtroom,
22 offices and other auxiliary facilities shall be in addition

1 to those existing for district court purposes in the sixth
2 judicial district as of July 1, 2022;

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4 (ii) Delivery of the certification to the joint
5 appropriations committee and the joint judiciary interim
6 committee. Upon receipt of the certification, either
7 committee may sponsor any legislation necessary to
8 implement the additional district court judge position, to
9 make any necessary appropriations and to authorize any
10 necessary additional support positions; and

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12 (iii) Enactment into law of legislation
13 authorizing the filling of the additional district court
14 judge position.

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16 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2022.

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