

DISTRICT AND JUVENILE COURT JUDGE AMENDMENTS

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Todd D. Weiler

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions related to the number of judges in the district and juvenile court.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- amends the number of judges in the district and juvenile court; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

78A-1-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 17

78A-1-104, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 17

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **78A-1-103** is amended to read:

78A-1-103. Number of district judges.

[{+}] The number of district court judges shall be:



28 ~~[(a)]~~ (1) four district judges in the First District;
29 ~~[(b)]~~ (2) 14 district judges in the Second District;
30 ~~[(c)]~~ (3) 31 district judges in the Third District;
31 ~~[(d)]~~ (4) 13 district judges in the Fourth District;
32 ~~[(e)]~~ (5) ~~[except as provided in Subsection (2), six]~~ seven district judges in the Fifth
33 District;
34 ~~[(f)]~~ (6) two district judges in the Sixth District;
35 ~~[(g)]~~ (7) three district judges in the Seventh District; and
36 ~~[(h)]~~ (8) three district judges in the Eighth District.
37 ~~[(2) If the number of juvenile court judges in the Third Juvenile District, as described~~
38 ~~in Section 78A-1-104, is decreased to nine, the number of district court judges in the Fifth~~
39 ~~District is increased to seven.]~~

40 Section 2. Section **78A-1-104** is amended to read:

41 **78A-1-104. Number of juvenile judges and jurisdictions.**

42 ~~[(+)]~~ The number of juvenile court judges shall be:
43 ~~[(a)]~~ (1) two juvenile judges in the First Juvenile District;
44 ~~[(b)]~~ (2) six juvenile judges in the Second Juvenile District;
45 ~~[(c)]~~ (3) ~~[except as provided in Subsection (2), 10]~~ nine juvenile judges in the Third
46 Juvenile District;
47 ~~[(d)]~~ (4) five juvenile judges in the Fourth Juvenile District;
48 ~~[(e)]~~ (5) three juvenile judges in the Fifth Juvenile District;
49 ~~[(f)]~~ (6) ~~[one juvenile judge]~~ two juvenile judges in the Sixth Juvenile District;
50 ~~[(g)]~~ (7) two juvenile judges in the Seventh Juvenile District; and
51 ~~[(h)]~~ (8) two juvenile judges in the Eighth Juvenile District.
52 ~~[(2)(a) If there is a vacancy for a juvenile court judge in the Third Juvenile District, the~~
53 ~~number of juvenile judges in the Third Juvenile District is decreased to nine.]~~
54 ~~[(b) If a vacancy in the Third Juvenile District occurs and the number of juvenile~~
55 ~~judges in the Third Juvenile District is decreased to nine, the governor shall fill the vacancy~~
56 ~~created in Subsection 78A-1-103(2) for the Fifth District in accordance with Section~~
57 ~~78A-10-104.]~~