

House Bill 2239

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SUMMARY

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Increases number of circuit court judges in certain judicial districts.
Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the establishment of circuit court judge positions; creating new provisions; amending
3 ORS 3.012; and prescribing an effective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 3.012, as amended by section 1, chapter 631, Oregon Laws 2017, is amended
6 to read:

7 3.012. (1) The judicial districts, the counties constituting the judicial districts and the number
8 of circuit court judges for each judicial district are as follows:

- 9 (a) The first judicial district consists of Jackson County and has [*nine*] **10** judges.
10 (b) The second judicial district consists of Lane County and has [*15*] **17** judges.
11 (c) The third judicial district consists of Marion County and has [*14*] **15** judges.
12 (d) The fourth judicial district consists of Multnomah County and has [*38*] **40** judges.
13 (e) The fifth judicial district consists of Clackamas County and has [*11*] **12** judges.
14 (f) The sixth judicial district consists of the counties of Morrow and Umatilla and has five
15 judges.
16 (g) The seventh judicial district consists of the counties of Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco
17 and Wheeler and has four judges.
18 (h) The eighth judicial district consists of Baker County and has one judge.
19 (i) The ninth judicial district consists of Malheur County and has [*two*] **three** judges.
20 (j) The tenth judicial district consists of the counties of Union and Wallowa and has two judges.
21 (k) The eleventh judicial district consists of Deschutes County and has [*seven*] **eight** judges.
22 (L) The twelfth judicial district consists of Polk County and has three judges.
23 (m) The thirteenth judicial district consists of Klamath County and has [*five*] **six** judges.
24 (n) The fourteenth judicial district consists of Josephine County and has five judges.
25 (o) The fifteenth judicial district consists of the counties of Coos and Curry and has [*six*] **seven**
26 judges.
27 (p) The sixteenth judicial district consists of Douglas County and has [*five*] **six** judges.
28 (q) The seventeenth judicial district consists of Lincoln County and has three judges.
29 (r) The eighteenth judicial district consists of Clatsop County and has three judges.
30 (s) The nineteenth judicial district consists of Columbia County and has three judges.
31 (t) The twentieth judicial district consists of Washington County and has [*15*] **16** judges.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (u) The twenty-first judicial district consists of Benton County and has three judges.

2 (v) The twenty-second judicial district consists of the counties of Crook and Jefferson and has
3 three judges.

4 (w) The twenty-third judicial district consists of Linn County and has [*five*] **six** judges.

5 (x) The twenty-fourth judicial district consists of the counties of Grant and Harney and has one
6 judge.

7 (y) The twenty-fifth judicial district consists of Yamhill County and has four judges.

8 (z) The twenty-sixth judicial district consists of Lake County and has one judge.

9 (aa) The twenty-seventh judicial district consists of Tillamook County and has two judges.

10 (2) The Secretary of State shall designate position numbers equal to the number of judges in
11 each of the judicial districts established by this section. The positions shall reflect any qualifications
12 established by ORS 3.041.

13 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 3.012 by section 1 of this 2019 Act become operative**
14 **on the first Monday in January 2021, except that the provisions for new circuit court judges**
15 **are operative on the effective date of this 2019 Act for the purposes of nominating and**
16 **electing new judges in 2019 and 2020 to assume the duties of the office on the first Monday**
17 **in January 2021.**

18 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
19 **ated to the Judicial Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General**
20 **Fund, the amount of \$_____, which may be expended to pay the salaries and benefits for**
21 **the new judicial positions created by the amendments to ORS 3.012 by section 1 of this 2019**
22 **Act, the salaries and benefits for the support staff required for those positions and the cost**
23 **of equipment and furnishings necessary for those positions.**

24 **SECTION 4. This 2019 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2019**
25 **regular session of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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