

**SB 913 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Judiciary**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

This measure eliminates geographic limitations on justice court districts by allowing a county to establish a justice of the peace district that includes the county seat or a city in which a circuit court operates.

*FISCAL: Pending*

*REVENUE: Pending*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

Provisions of the measure.

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

ORS 51.020 allows a county court or board of county commissioners to establish or modify the boundaries of a justice of the peace district subject to a limit of six such justice courts within a given county. Subject to exceptions for specified rural counties, Oregon law currently prohibits a county from establishing a justice court district that includes the county seat or a city in which an Oregon circuit court regularly holds court.