

Senate Bill 95

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SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act adds new circuit court judges. (Flesch Readability Score: 89.8).
Creates new circuit court judge positions in certain judicial districts.
Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to judicial positions; creating new provisions; amending ORS 3.012; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 3.012, as amended by section 1, chapter 57, Oregon Laws 2024, 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 11 judges.

10 (b) The second judicial district consists of Lane County and has 15 judges.

11 (c) The third judicial district consists of Marion County and has 15 judges.

12 (d) The fourth judicial district consists of Multnomah County and has 38 judges.

13 (e) The fifth judicial district consists of Clackamas County and has 11 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 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 nine 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 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 judges.

26 (p) The sixteenth judicial district consists of Douglas County and has five judges.

27 (q) The seventeenth judicial district consists of Lincoln County and has three judges.

28 (r) The eighteenth judicial district consists of Clatsop County and has three judges.

29 (s) The nineteenth judicial district consists of Columbia County and has three 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 (t) The twentieth judicial district consists of Washington County and has 16 judges.
 2 (u) The twenty-first judicial district consists of Benton County and has three judges.
 3 (v) The twenty-second judicial district consists of the counties of Crook and Jefferson and has
 4 [three] **four** judges.
 5 (w) The twenty-third judicial district consists of Linn County and has five judges.
 6 (x) The twenty-fourth judicial district consists of the counties of Grant and Harney and has one
 7 judge.
 8 (y) The twenty-fifth judicial district consists of Yamhill County and has four judges.
 9 (z) The twenty-sixth judicial district consists of Lake County and has one judge.
 10 (aa) The twenty-seventh judicial district consists of Tillamook County and has two judges.
 11 (2) The Secretary of State shall designate position numbers equal to the number of judges in
 12 each of the judicial districts established by this section. The positions shall reflect any qualifications
 13 established by ORS 3.041.
 14 **SECTION 2.** ORS 3.012, as amended by sections 1 and 2, chapter 57, Oregon Laws 2024, is
 15 amended to read:
 16 3.012. (1) The judicial districts, the counties constituting the judicial districts and the number
 17 of circuit court judges for each judicial district are as follows:
 18 (a) The first judicial district consists of Jackson County and has 11 judges.
 19 (b) The second judicial district consists of Lane County and has 15 judges.
 20 (c) The third judicial district consists of Marion County and has 15 judges.
 21 (d) The fourth judicial district consists of Multnomah County and has 38 judges.
 22 (e) The fifth judicial district consists of Clackamas County and has 12 judges.
 23 (f) The sixth judicial district consists of the counties of Morrow and Umatilla and has five
 24 judges.
 25 (g) The seventh judicial district consists of the counties of Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco
 26 and Wheeler and has four judges.
 27 (h) The eighth judicial district consists of Baker County and has one judge.
 28 (i) The ninth judicial district consists of Malheur County and has two judges.
 29 (j) The tenth judicial district consists of the counties of Union and Wallowa and has two judges.
 30 (k) The eleventh judicial district consists of Deschutes County and has nine judges.
 31 (L) The twelfth judicial district consists of Polk County and has three judges.
 32 (m) The thirteenth judicial district consists of Klamath County and has five judges.
 33 (n) The fourteenth judicial district consists of Josephine County and has five judges.
 34 (o) The fifteenth judicial district consists of the counties of Coos and Curry and has six judges.
 35 (p) The sixteenth judicial district consists of Douglas County and has five judges.
 36 (q) The seventeenth judicial district consists of Lincoln County and has three judges.
 37 (r) The eighteenth judicial district consists of Clatsop County and has three judges.
 38 (s) The nineteenth judicial district consists of Columbia County and has three judges.
 39 (t) The twentieth judicial district consists of Washington County and has 16 judges.
 40 (u) The twenty-first judicial district consists of Benton County and has three judges.
 41 (v) The twenty-second judicial district consists of the counties of Crook and Jefferson and has
 42 [three] **four** judges.
 43 (w) The twenty-third judicial district consists of Linn County and has five judges.
 44 (x) The twenty-fourth judicial district consists of the counties of Grant and Harney and has one
 45 judge.

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

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

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

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

7 **SECTION 3.** ORS 3.012, as amended by section 1, chapter 57, Oregon Laws 2024, and section
8 1 of this 2025 Act, is amended to read:

9 3.012. (1) The judicial districts, the counties constituting the judicial districts and the number
10 of circuit court judges for each judicial district are as follows:

11 (a) The first judicial district consists of Jackson County and has 11 judges.

12 (b) The second judicial district consists of Lane County and has [15] 17 judges.

13 (c) The third judicial district consists of Marion County and has 15 judges.

14 (d) The fourth judicial district consists of Multnomah County and has 38 judges.

15 (e) The fifth judicial district consists of Clackamas County and has [11] 13 judges.

16 (f) The sixth judicial district consists of the counties of Morrow and Umatilla and has [five] six
17 judges.

18 (g) The seventh judicial district consists of the counties of Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco
19 and Wheeler and has four judges.

20 (h) The eighth judicial district consists of Baker County and has one judge.

21 (i) The ninth judicial district consists of Malheur County and has two judges.

22 (j) The tenth judicial district consists of the counties of Union and Wallowa and has two judges.

23 (k) The eleventh judicial district consists of Deschutes County and has nine judges.

24 (L) The twelfth judicial district consists of Polk County and has three judges.

25 (m) The thirteenth judicial district consists of Klamath County and has five judges.

26 (n) The fourteenth judicial district consists of Josephine County and has five judges.

27 (o) The fifteenth judicial district consists of the counties of Coos and Curry and has six judges.

28 (p) The sixteenth judicial district consists of Douglas County and has [five] six judges.

29 (q) The seventeenth judicial district consists of Lincoln County and has three judges.

30 (r) The eighteenth judicial district consists of Clatsop County and has three judges.

31 (s) The nineteenth judicial district consists of Columbia County and has three judges.

32 (t) The twentieth judicial district consists of Washington County and has 16 judges.

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

34 (v) The twenty-second judicial district consists of the counties of Crook and Jefferson and has
35 four judges.

36 (w) The twenty-third judicial district consists of Linn County and has five judges.

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

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

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

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

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

45 **SECTION 4.** ORS 3.012, as amended by sections 1 and 2, chapter 57, Oregon Laws 2024, and

1 section 2 of this 2025 Act, is amended to read:

2 3.012. (1) The judicial districts, the counties constituting the judicial districts and the number
3 of circuit court judges for each judicial district are as follows:

4 (a) The first judicial district consists of Jackson County and has 11 judges.

5 (b) The second judicial district consists of Lane County and has [15] 17 judges.

6 (c) The third judicial district consists of Marion County and has 15 judges.

7 (d) The fourth judicial district consists of Multnomah County and has 38 judges.

8 (e) The fifth judicial district consists of Clackamas County and has [12] 13 judges.

9 (f) The sixth judicial district consists of the counties of Morrow and Umatilla and has [five] six
10 judges.

11 (g) The seventh judicial district consists of the counties of Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco
12 and Wheeler and has four judges.

13 (h) The eighth judicial district consists of Baker County and has one judge.

14 (i) The ninth judicial district consists of Malheur County and has two judges.

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19 (n) The fourteenth judicial district consists of Josephine County and has five judges.

20 (o) The fifteenth judicial district consists of the counties of Coos and Curry and has six judges.

21 (p) The sixteenth judicial district consists of Douglas County and has [five] six judges.

22 (q) The seventeenth judicial district consists of Lincoln County and has three judges.

23 (r) The eighteenth judicial district consists of Clatsop County and has three judges.

24 (s) The nineteenth judicial district consists of Columbia County and has three judges.

25 (t) The twentieth judicial district consists of Washington County and has 16 judges.

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

27 (v) The twenty-second judicial district consists of the counties of Crook and Jefferson and has
28 four judges.

29 (w) The twenty-third judicial district consists of Linn County and has five judges.

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

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

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

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

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

38 **SECTION 5. (1) The amendments to ORS 3.012 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2025 Act become**
39 **operative on October 1, 2025.**

40 **(2) The amendments to ORS 3.012 by sections 3 and 4 of this 2025 Act become operative**
41 **January 1, 2026.**

42 **(3) The Governor and the Judicial Department may take any action before the operative**
43 **dates specified in subsections (1) and (2) of this section to enable the Governor and the de-**
44 **partment to exercise, on and after the operative dates specified in subsections (1) and (2) of**
45 **this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the Governor and the de-**

1 partment by the amendments to ORS 3.012 by sections 1 to 4 of this 2025 Act.

2 **SECTION 6.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
3 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
4 on its passage.

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