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*Senate* BILL NO. *204*  
INTRODUCED BY *Senator Dan Cetrone*

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 93-302, R.C.M. 1947, TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DISTRICT JUDGES IN THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT FROM THREE TO FOUR AND PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF THE FOURTH JUDGE AT THE GENERAL ELECTION OF 1976."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 93-302, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"93-302. Number of judges. In each judicial district there must be the following number of judges of the district court, who must be elected by the qualified voters of the district, and whose term of office must be six (6) years, to wit: In the first, second, eleventh and sixteenth, two judges each, in the ~~thirteenth~~, eighth and fourth, three judges, in the thirteenth, four judges, and, in all other districts, one judge each."

Section 2. In the thirteenth judicial district, there shall be the existing three judges only until the general election of 1976, at which time a fourth judge shall be elected as provided by law, and the thirteenth district shall thereafter have four (4) judges.

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INTRODUCED BILL

SB 204

## STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 94-75

## FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 27, , 19 75 , there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 204 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly. Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

## DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

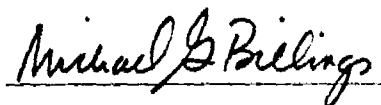
Senate Bill 204 increases the number of district judges in the Thirteenth Judicial District from three to four and provides the election of the fourth at the 1976 General Election.

## ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The fourth judge will not assume his duties until January 1, 1977.
2. Assume the existing salary and benefit schedule and travel estimates as a basis for the 1977 projections.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

	FY 77
Increase in expenditures by category:	
Personal Services	\$ 14,250
Operating Expenses	893
Total increase in expenditures	<u>\$ 15,143</u>



BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: January 30, 1975

Approved by Committee  
on Judiciary

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