

1 House BILL NO. 673
 2 INTRODUCED BY Colburn (By request)

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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ALTER CERTAIN
 5 JUDICIAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND THE NUMBER OF JUDGES IN
 6 CERTAIN DISTRICTS AND TO CREATE SOME NEW JUDICIAL DISTRICTS;
 7 AMENDING SECTIONS 93-301 AND 93-302, R.C.M. 1947."

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

10 Section 1. Section 93-301, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
 11 read as follows:

12 "93-301. Judicial districts defined. In this state
 13 there are ~~eighteen~~ 20 judicial districts, distributed as
 14 follows:

15 First district: Lewis and Clark and Broadwater
 16 counties.

17 Second district: Silver Bow county County.

18 Third district: Deer Lodge, Granite, and Powell
 19 counties.

20 Fourth district: Missoula, Mineral, Lake, and Ravalli
 21 ~~and Sanders~~ counties.

22 Fifth district: Beaverhead, Jefferson, and Madison
 23 counties.

24 Sixth district: Park, ~~and Sweet Grass,~~ Carbon, and
 25 Stillwater counties.

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1 Seventh district: Dawson, McCone, Richland, and Wibaux
 2 counties.

3 Eighth district: Cascade and Chouteau counties.

4 Ninth district: Teton, Pondera, Toole, and Glacier
 5 counties.

6 Tenth district: Fergus, Judith Basin, and Petroleum
 7 counties.

8 Eleventh district: Flathead ~~and Lincoln~~ Counties
 9 County.

10 Twelfth district: Liberty, Hill, and Blaine counties.

11 Thirteenth district: Yellowstone, ~~Big Horn,~~ ~~Carbon,~~
 12 ~~Stillwater,~~ and Treasure Counties County.

13 Fourteenth district: Meagher, Wheatland, Golden Valley,
 14 and Musselshell counties.

15 Fifteenth district: Roosevelt, Daniels, and Sheridan
 16 counties.

17 Sixteenth district: Custer, Carter, Fallon, Prairie,
 18 Powder River, and Garfield, ~~and Rosebud~~ counties.

19 Seventeenth district: Phillips and Valley counties.

20 Eighteenth district: Gallatin county County.

21 Nineteenth district: Lincoln and Sanders counties.

22 Twentieth district: Rosebud, Big Horn, and Treasure
 23 counties."

24 Section 2. Section 93-302, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
 25 read as follows:

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1 "93-302. Number of judges. In each judicial district
2 there must be the following number of judges of the district
3 court, who must be elected by the qualified voters of the
4 district, and whose term of office must be six (6) years, to
5 wit: in in the first, second, ~~sixth~~, eleventh, and
6 sixteenth, two judges each; in the ~~thirteenth, eighth, and~~
7 ~~fourth~~ fourth, eighth, and thirteenth, three judges; and
8 in all other districts, one judge each."

9 Section 3. There is a new R.C.M. section that reads as
10 follows:

11 New judges -- how selected. The judgeships created by
12 this act are to be filled initially in the same manner as
13 judicial vacancies are filled.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 448-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 8, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 673 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:

An act to alter certain judicial district boundaries and the number of judges in certain districts, and to create some new judicial districts.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. District judges' annual salary is \$25,000.
2. Travel costs would approximate those of FY 77 for rural district judges.
3. Suitable judicial chambers are available in Lincoln and Rosebud counties.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 78</u>	<u>FY 79</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Personal services	\$84,000	\$84,000	\$168,000
Operating expenses (travel)	<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>
Total	<u>\$96,000</u>	<u>\$96,000</u>	<u>\$192,000</u>

In addition, there would be costs of \$23,000 each year for local governments of the three new judicial districts for court reporters. Also, Districts 19 and 20 would need their own court probation officers.

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