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1 *Senators* BILL NO. *124*
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE
 5 SELECTION OF A CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE IN EACH JUDICIAL
 6 DISTRICT WITH THREE OR MORE JUDGES AND TO PERMIT THE CHIEF
 7 DISTRICT JUDGE TO ASSIGN DEPARTMENTS AND AREAS OF
 8 RESPONSIBILITY TO THE JUDGES OF THE DISTRICT."
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

11 Section 1. Office of chief district judge --
 12 appointment. (1) There is in each judicial district with
 13 three or more judges the office of chief district judge.

14 (2) The chief district judge shall be selected by the
 15 district judges in the district from among themselves by
 16 majority vote. Whenever the district judges are unable to
 17 make a selection, they shall inform the chief justice of the
 18 supreme court, who shall then appoint one of the district
 19 judges as chief district judge.

20 Section 2. Term of office. An individual selected or
 21 appointed chief district judge of a district shall serve in
 22 that capacity until he resigns as chief district judge,
 23 ceases to be a district judge in the district, or is
 24 replaced by a majority vote of the district judges of the
 25 district.

1 Section 3. Assignment of areas of responsibility. The
 2 chief district judge, in consultation with the other judges
 3 and with the agreement of the concerned judge, shall assign
 4 each judge, including himself, to a department of the
 5 district, as required by 3-5-403, and may assign to a
 6 specific judge, including himself, responsibility for a
 7 particular area of court administration or court duties.
 8 These areas may include but are not limited to such areas as
 9 supervision of court personnel, domestic relations, or youth
 10 court matters.

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