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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill adjusts the number of district court judges in various judicial districts, resulting in an overall increase of 21 district court judges, and provides an appropriation for the increased number of judges.

- 1 Description.** Current law divides the state into ten judicial districts and specifies the number of judges in each county and the locations where chambers must be located.

This bill increases by 21 the number of judges within the state and adjusts the number of judges in each judicial district as follows:

First Judicial District - increases the number of judges from 28 to 33;

Second Judicial District - increases the number of judges from 24 to 26;**26;**

Third Judicial District - maintains the current number of judges (22);**(22);**

Fourth Judicial District - increases the number of judges from 57 to 62;**62;**

Fifth Judicial District - decreases the number of judges from 17 to 16;**16;**

Sixth Judicial District - maintains the current number of judges (15);**(15);**

Seventh Judicial District - increases the number of judges from 22 to 25;**25;**

Eighth Judicial District - maintains the current number of judges (11);**(11);**

Ninth Judicial District - increases the number of judges from 20 to 23; **and**

Tenth Judicial District - increases the number of judges from 35 to 39.**39.**

- 2 Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount from the general fund to the supreme court for increasing the number of trial judges as provided in section 1. Provides the appropriation is available until June 30, 2001.
- 3 Effective Date.** Provides sections 1 and 2 are effective July 1, 1999.