_____ BILL NO. _____

INTRODUCED BY _____

BY REQUEST OF THE SUPREME COURT ADMINISTRATOR

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF DISTRICT COURT JUDGES IN THE 18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT; AMENDING SECTION 3-5-102, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 3-5-102, MCA, is amended to read:

"**3-5-102. Number of judges.** In each judicial district, there must be the following number of judges of the district court:

(1) in the 2nd, 7th, 16th, 20th, and 21st districts, two judges each;

(2) in the 1st~~,~~ and 8th~~, and 18th~~ districts, four judges each;

(3) in the 4th, ~~and~~ 11th, and 18th districts, five judges each;

(4) in the 13th district, 10 judges; and

(5) in all other districts, one judge each."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective January 1, 2028.

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