

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2278**

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Including House Amendments dated March 24

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**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Creates new circuit court judge positions. Appropriates moneys to fund costs of new positions.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to circuit court judges; creating new provisions; amending ORS 3.012 and 3.016; appropri-  
3 ating money; and declaring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 3.012 is amended to read:

6 3.012. (1) The judicial districts, the counties constituting the judicial districts and the number  
7 of circuit court judges for each judicial district are as follows:

8 (a) The first judicial district consists of Jackson County and has [*eight*] **nine** judges.

9 (b) The second judicial district consists of Lane County and has 15 judges.

10 (c) The third judicial district consists of Marion County and has 14 judges.

11 (d) The fourth judicial district consists of Multnomah County and has 38 judges.

12 (e) The fifth judicial district consists of Clackamas County and has [*10*] **11** judges.

13 (f) The sixth judicial district consists of the counties of Morrow and Umatilla and has [*four*] **five**  
14 judges.

15 (g) The seventh judicial district consists of the counties of Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco  
16 and Wheeler and has four judges.

17 (h) The eighth judicial district consists of Baker County and has one judge.

18 (i) The ninth judicial district consists of Malheur County and has two judges.

19 (j) The tenth judicial district consists of the counties of Union and Wallowa and has two judges.

20 (k) The eleventh judicial district consists of Deschutes County and has seven judges.

21 (L) The twelfth judicial district consists of Polk County and has three judges.

22 (m) The thirteenth judicial district consists of Klamath County and has five judges.

23 (n) The fourteenth judicial district consists of Josephine County and has four judges.

24 (o) The fifteenth judicial district consists of the counties of Coos and Curry and has six judges.

25 (p) The sixteenth judicial district consists of Douglas County and has five judges.

26 (q) The seventeenth judicial district consists of Lincoln County and has three judges.

27 (r) The eighteenth judicial district consists of Clatsop County and has [*two*] **three** judges.

28 (s) The nineteenth judicial district consists of Columbia County and has three judges.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (t) The twentieth judicial district consists of Washington County and has 14 judges.

2 (u) The twenty-first judicial district consists of Benton County and has three judges.

3 (v) The twenty-second judicial district consists of the counties of Crook and Jefferson and has  
4 three judges.

5 (w) The twenty-third judicial district consists of Linn County and has five judges.

6 (x) The twenty-fourth judicial district consists of the counties of Grant and Harney and has one  
7 judge.

8 (y) The twenty-fifth judicial district consists of Yamhill County and has four judges.

9 (z) The twenty-sixth judicial district consists of Lake County and has one judge.

10 (aa) The twenty-seventh judicial district consists of Tillamook County and has two judges.

11 (2) The Secretary of State shall designate position numbers equal to the number of judges in  
12 each of the judicial districts established by this section. The positions shall reflect any qualifications  
13 established by ORS 3.041.

14 **SECTION 2.** ORS 3.016 is amended to read:

15 3.016. [(1) *Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, in the sixth judicial district three*  
16 *judges shall hold court in the county seat of Umatilla County, and one judge shall hold court in the*  
17 *city of Hermiston in Umatilla County.*]

18 [(2) *In the sixth judicial district, a judge shall hold court in the City of Milton-Freewater in*  
19 *Umatilla County as required by caseload, and a judge shall hold court in the City of Heppner in*  
20 *Morrow County at least one day a week.*] **In the sixth judicial district, the judges of the district**  
21 **shall hold court in Pendleton, Hermiston, Milton-Freewater and Heppner as required by**  
22 **caseload.**

23 **SECTION 3.** The amendments to ORS 3.012 and 3.016 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2005 Act  
24 become operative on the first Monday in January 2007, except that the provisions for new  
25 circuit court judges are operative on the effective date of this 2005 Act for the purposes of  
26 nominating and electing new judges in 2006 to assume the duties of the office on the first  
27 Monday in January 2007.

28 **SECTION 4.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-  
29 ated to the Judicial Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, out of the General  
30 Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, which may be expended to pay the salary and benefits for the  
31 new judicial positions created by the amendments to ORS 3.012 by section 1 of this 2005 Act,  
32 the salary and benefits for the support staff required for those positions and the cost of  
33 equipment and furnishings necessary for those positions.

34 **SECTION 5.** This 2005 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
35 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2005 Act takes effect  
36 on its passage.

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