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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **4314**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to courts; increasing the number of trial court judgeships in the fifth district;
1.3 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section
1.4 2.722, subdivision 1.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 2.722, subdivision 1, is amended
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Description.** Effective July 1, 1959, the state is divided into ten judicial
1.9 districts composed of the following named counties, respectively, in each of which districts
1.10 judges shall be chosen as hereinafter specified:

1.11 1. Goodhue, Dakota, Carver, Le Sueur, McLeod, Scott, and Sibley; 36 judges; and four
1.12 permanent chambers shall be maintained in Red Wing, Hastings, Shakopee, and Glencoe
1.13 and one other shall be maintained at the place designated by the chief judge of the district;

1.14 2. Ramsey; 26 judges;

1.15 3. Wabasha, Winona, Houston, Rice, Olmsted, Dodge, Steele, Waseca, Freeborn, Mower,
1.16 and Fillmore; 23 judges; and permanent chambers shall be maintained in Faribault, Albert
1.17 Lea, Austin, Rochester, and Winona;

1.18 4. Hennepin; 60 judges;

1.19 5. Blue Earth, Watonwan, Lyon, Redwood, Brown, Nicollet, Lincoln, Cottonwood,
1.20 Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Rock, Faribault, Martin, and Jackson; ~~46~~ 17 judges; and
1.21 permanent chambers shall be maintained in Marshall, Windom, Fairmont, New Ulm, and
1.22 Mankato;

2.1 6. Carlton, St. Louis, Lake, and Cook; 15 judges;

2.2 7. Benton, Douglas, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Otter Tail, Stearns, Todd, Clay, Becker, and
2.3 Wadena; 30 judges; and permanent chambers shall be maintained in Moorhead, Fergus
2.4 Falls, Little Falls, and St. Cloud;

2.5 8. Chippewa, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Meeker, Renville, Swift, Yellow Medicine, Big
2.6 Stone, Grant, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin; 11 judges; and permanent chambers
2.7 shall be maintained in Morris, Montevideo, and Willmar;

2.8 9. Norman, Polk, Marshall, Kittson, Red Lake, Roseau, Mahnomen, Pennington, Aitkin,
2.9 Itasca, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Beltrami, Lake of the Woods, Clearwater, Cass and
2.10 Koochiching; 24 judges; and permanent chambers shall be maintained in Crookston, Thief
2.11 River Falls, Bemidji, Brainerd, Grand Rapids, and International Falls; and

2.12 10. Anoka, Isanti, Wright, Sherburne, Kanabec, Pine, Chisago, and Washington; 45
2.13 judges; and permanent chambers shall be maintained in Anoka, Stillwater, and other places
2.14 designated by the chief judge of the district.

2.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2020.

2.16 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.17 \$..... is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year 2021 to the Fifth District Court
2.18 for the judge unit authorized in section 1. The judge unit consists of a judge, law clerk, and
2.19 court reporter. This appropriation is available until expended and is added to the base.