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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 81**

Introduced by Aguilar, 35; Blood, 3; Briese, 41; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10;  
Ibach, 44; Lippincott, 34; Slama, 1.

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Committee: Judiciary

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to county courts; to amend section 24-503,
- 2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the number of county
- 3 judges in Buffalo and Hall counties; and to repeal the original
- 4 section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 24-503, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3 24-503 For the purpose of serving the county courts in each county,  
4 twelve county judge districts are hereby created:

5 District No. 1 shall contain the counties of Saline, Jefferson,  
6 Gage, Thayer, Johnson, Pawnee, Nemaha, and Richardson;

7 District No. 2 shall contain the counties of Sarpy, Cass, and Otoe;

8 District No. 3 shall contain the county of Lancaster;

9 District No. 4 shall contain the county of Douglas;

10 District No. 5 shall contain the counties of Merrick, Platte,  
11 Colfax, Boone, Nance, Hamilton, Polk, York, Butler, Seward, and Saunders;

12 District No. 6 shall contain the counties of Dixon, Dakota, Cedar,  
13 Burt, Thurston, Dodge, and Washington;

14 District No. 7 shall contain the counties of Knox, Cuming, Antelope,  
15 Pierce, Wayne, Madison, and Stanton;

16 District No. 8 shall contain the counties of Cherry, Keya Paha,  
17 Brown, Rock, Blaine, Loup, Custer, Boyd, Holt, Garfield, Wheeler, Valley,  
18 Greeley, Sherman, and Howard;

19 District No. 9 shall contain the counties of Buffalo and Hall;

20 District No. 10 shall contain the counties of Fillmore, Adams, Clay,  
21 Phelps, Kearney, Harlan, Franklin, Webster, and Nuckolls;

22 District No. 11 shall contain the counties of Hooker, Thomas,  
23 Arthur, McPherson, Logan, Keith, Perkins, Lincoln, Dawson, Chase, Hayes,  
24 Frontier, Gosper, Dundy, Hitchcock, Red Willow, and Furnas; and

25 District No. 12 shall contain the counties of Sioux, Dawes, Box  
26 Butte, Sheridan, Scotts Bluff, Morrill, Garden, Banner, Kimball,  
27 Cheyenne, Grant, and Deuel.

28 District 4 shall have twelve county judges. District 3 shall have  
29 seven county judges. Districts 5, 9, 11, and 12 shall have five county  
30 judges. Districts 2 and 7, ~~6, and 9~~ shall have four county judges.  
31 Districts 1, 7, 8, and 10 shall have three county judges.

1           Judge of the county court shall include any person appointed to the  
2 office of county judge or municipal judge prior to July 1, 1985, pursuant  
3 to Article V, section 21, of the Constitution of Nebraska.

4           Any person serving as a municipal judge in district 3 or 4  
5 immediately prior to July 1, 1985, shall be a judge of the county court  
6 and shall be empowered to hear only those cases as provided in section  
7 24-517 which the presiding judge of the county court for such district,  
8 with the concurrence of the Supreme Court, shall direct.

9           Sec. 2.    Original section 24-503, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
10 Nebraska, is repealed.