

LEGISLATIVE BILL 19

Approved by the Governor June 1, 1995

Introduced by Chambers, 11; Brown, 6; Pedersen, 39; Lindsay, 9; Will, 8

AN ACT relating to courts; to amend section 43-2,119, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 24-301.02, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1994; to change the number of judges in district court judicial districts and the separate juvenile courts; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.
Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 24-301.02, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1994, is amended to read:

24-301.02. The State of Nebraska shall be divided into the following twelve district court judicial districts:

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

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

District No. 3 shall contain the county of Lancaster;

District No. 4 shall contain the county of Douglas;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the fourth district there shall be fourteen judges of the district court. ~~In Before July 1, 1996, in the third district there shall be six judges of the district court, and on and after July 1, 1996, in the third district there shall be seven judges of the district court.~~ In the twelfth district there shall be five judges of the district court. In the fifth district there shall be four judges of the district court. In the first, second, sixth, ninth, and eleventh districts there shall be three judges of the district court. In the seventh, eighth, and tenth districts there shall be two judges of the district court.

Sec. 2. Section 43-2,119, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

43-2,119. In each county of this state having a population of seventy-five thousand and not more than two hundred thousand population in which a separate juvenile court has been established, there shall be one judge of the separate juvenile court; and in each county of this state having more than two hundred thousand population in which a separate juvenile court has been established, there shall be two judges of the separate juvenile court. (1) The number of judges of the separate juvenile court in counties which have established a separate juvenile court shall be:

(a) Before July 1, 1996, one judge in counties having seventy-five thousand inhabitants but less than two hundred thousand inhabitants, and on and after July 1, 1996, two judges in such counties;

(b) Two judges in counties having at least two hundred thousand inhabitants but less than four hundred thousand inhabitants; and

(c) Before July 1, 1997, three judges in counties having four hundred thousand inhabitants or more, and on and after July 1, 1997, four judges in such counties.

(2) In counties having two or more judges of the separate juvenile court, upon the swearing in of the second judge, the senior judge in point of service as a juvenile court judge shall be the presiding judge. The judges shall rotate the office of presiding judge every three years unless the judges

agree to another system.

Sec. 3. This act becomes operative on July 1, 1995.

Sec. 4. Original section 43-2,119, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 24-301.02, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1994, are repealed.

Sec. 5. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.