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**HOUSE BILL 22-1237**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING COUNTY COURT JUDGES IN WESTERN COLORADO.**

**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

For county court organizational and administrative purposes, the bill changes the classifications of Garfield and Montezuma counties from Class C to Class B.

For Garfield county, the bill amends the requirement that the associate county court judge in Rifle must maintain an official residence in Rifle and instead requires an official residence anywhere in Garfield county.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

SENATE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
April 4, 2022

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
March 4, 2022

HOUSE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
March 3, 2022

For Rio Blanco county, the bill amends the requirement that the associate county court judge in Rangley must maintain an official residence in Rangley and instead requires an official residence anywhere in Rio Blanco county.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-6-201, **amend**  
3 (2)(b) and (2)(c) as follows:

4 **13-6-201. Classification of counties.** (2) Classes of counties for  
5 this part 2 are:

6 (b) Class B. Class B ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of the counties of  
7 Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Douglas, Eagle, El Paso, Fremont,  
8 GARFIELD, Jefferson, La Plata, Larimer, Mesa, MONTEZUMA, Montrose,  
9 Pueblo, Summit, Weld, and the city and county of Broomfield.

10 (c) Class C. Class C ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of the counties of  
11 Alamosa, Delta, ~~Garfield~~, Las Animas, Logan, ~~Montezuma~~, Morgan,  
12 Otero, Prowers, and Rio Grande.

13 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-6-209, **amend** (2)  
14 and (3) as follows:

15 **13-6-209. Special associate and associate county judges -**  
16 **designated counties.** (2) In the county of Garfield there shall be a  
17 special associate county judge who shall maintain ~~his~~ AN official  
18 residence IN GARFIELD COUNTY and court chambers in the city of Rifle.

19 (3) In the county of Rio Blanco there ~~shall~~ MUST be an associate  
20 county judge who shall maintain ~~his~~ AN official residence IN RIO BLANCO  
21 COUNTY and court chambers in the city of Rangely.

22 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.