

CHAPTER 256

COURTS

HOUSE BILL 24-1455

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Weissman and Frizell, Bradley, Hamrick, Lieder, Lindsay, Lynch, Marshall, Wilson;
also SENATOR(S) Fields and Gardner, Gonzales, Pelton R., Van Winkle.

AN ACT**CONCERNING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT.**

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-5-123.2, **amend** (3) as follows:

13-5-123.2. Twenty-third judicial district - elections in 2024 - reports - repeal. (3) (a) Effective ~~January 7, 2025~~ JANUARY 14, 2025, any district court judge who on that date was serving as a district court judge in the eighteenth judicial district and who lives within the boundaries of the new twenty-third judicial district shall, pursuant to section 10 of article VI of the state constitution, complete the term for which the judge was last elected or appointed as a district court judge in the twenty-third judicial district. Such district court judges are eligible for a retention election in the twenty-third judicial district in the same year that they would have been eligible for a retention election in the eighteenth judicial district but for the creation of the twenty-third judicial district.

(b) On and after ~~January 7, 2025~~ JANUARY 14, 2025, assignment of judges shall be pursuant to sections 10 and 11 of article VI of the state constitution.

SECTION 2. In Session Laws of Colorado 2020, **amend** section 6 of chapter 40 as follows:

Section 6. **Act subject to petition - effective date.** Sections 2 to 4 of this act take effect ~~January 7, 2025~~ JANUARY 14, 2025, and the remainder of this act takes effect September 1, 2020; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general

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assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor; except that sections 2 to 4 of this act take effect ~~January 7, 2025~~ JANUARY 14, 2025.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-5-123.2, **add** (1.5) as follows:

13-5-123.2. Twenty-third judicial district - elections in 2024 - reports - repeal. (1.5) TO FACILITATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AND THE REVISION OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, PRIOR TO JANUARY 14, 2025, THE OPERATIONS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT MAY BE DIVIDED INTO TWO DISTINCT UNITS.

SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

Approved: May 24, 2024