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SENATE BILL 25-024

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(None),

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING JUDICIAL OFFICERS.**

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>.)

Beginning July 1, 2025, the bill increases by one the number of district court judges in the eighth, thirteenth, nineteenth, and twenty-third judicial districts; increases by 2 the number of district court judges in the fourth, seventeenth, and eighteenth judicial districts; and increases by one the number of county court judges in Douglas county, La Plata county, Larimer county, Mesa county, Weld county, Eagle county, Adams county, and Arapahoe county.

Beginning July 1, 2026, the bill increases by one the number of

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district court judges in the second, seventh, seventeenth, eighteenth, and twentieth judicial districts and the Denver probate court; increases by 2 the number of district court judges in the fourth judicial district; and increases by 3 the number of judges serving on the court of appeals.

Current law requires district court judges regularly assigned to Arapahoe county to maintain offices within Arapahoe county. The bill allows the district court judges assigned to Arapahoe county to maintain offices outside of the county seat.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-4-103, **amend** (1)
3 as follows:

4 **13-4-103. Number of judges - qualifications.** (1) The number
5 of judges of the court of appeals ~~shall be~~ IS sixteen. Effective July 1,
6 2006, the number of judges of the court of appeals ~~shall be~~ IS nineteen.
7 Subject to available appropriations, effective July 1, 2008, the number of
8 judges of the court of appeals ~~shall be~~ IS twenty-two. SUBJECT TO
9 AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026, THE NUMBER OF
10 JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS IS TWENTY-FIVE.

11 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-5-103, **add** (2)(f)
12 as follows:

13 **13-5-103. Second district.** (2) (f) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE
14 APPROPRIATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES FOR
15 THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT IS TWENTY-EIGHT.

16 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-5-105, **add** (2)(i)
17 and (2)(j) as follows:

18 **13-5-105. Fourth district.** (2) (i) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE
19 APPROPRIATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES FOR
20 THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IS TWENTY-SIX.

21 (j) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,

1 2026, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IS
2 TWENTY-EIGHT.

3 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-5-108, **amend**
4 (2)(c); and **add** (2)(d) as follows:

5 **13-5-108. Seventh district.** (2) (c) ~~Notwithstanding the~~
6 ~~provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection (2);~~ Subject to available
7 appropriations, effective July 1, 2011, the number of judges for the
8 seventh judicial district ~~shall be~~ IS five.

9 (d) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
10 2026, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IS SIX.

11 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-5-109, **add** (2)(f)
12 as follows:

13 **13-5-109. Eighth district.** (2) (f) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE
14 APPROPRIATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES FOR
15 THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IS TEN.

16 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-5-114, **add** (2)(c)
17 as follows:

18 **13-5-114. Thirteenth district.** (2) (c) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE
19 APPROPRIATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES FOR
20 THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IS SIX.

21 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-5-118, **add** (2)(h)
22 and (2)(i) as follows:

23 **13-5-118. Seventeenth district.** (2) (h) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE
24 APPROPRIATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES FOR
25 THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IS EIGHTEEN.

26 (i) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
27 2026, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES FOR THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

1 IS NINETEEN.

2 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-5-119, **amend**
3 (2)(e); and **add** (2)(d)(VIII) and (2)(d)(IX) as follows:

4 **13-5-119. Eighteenth district.** (2) (d) (VIII) SUBJECT TO
5 AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025, THE NUMBER OF
6 JUDGES FOR THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IS NINETEEN.

7 (IX) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
8 2026, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES FOR THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IS
9 TWENTY.

10 (e) The district judges regularly assigned to Arapahoe county ~~shall~~
11 ~~maintain their offices in one location within Arapahoe county~~ MAY
12 MAINTAIN OFFICES OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTY SEAT.

13 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-5-120, **add** (2)(i)
14 as follows:

15 **13-5-120. Nineteenth district.** (2) (i) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE
16 APPROPRIATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES FOR
17 THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IS TWELVE.

18 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-5-121, **add**
19 (2)(e) as follows:

20 **13-5-121. Twentieth district.** (2) (e) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE
21 APPROPRIATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES FOR
22 THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IS TEN.

23 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-5-123.1, **add** (3)
24 as follows:

25 **13-5-123.1. Twenty-third district.** (3) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE
26 APPROPRIATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES FOR
27 THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT IS NINE.

1 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal and reenact,**
2 **with amendments,** 13-6-202 as follows:

3 **13-6-202. Number of judges.** (1) THERE IS ONE COUNTY JUDGE
4 IN EACH COUNTY, EXCEPT THAT:

5 (a) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE NUMBER OF
6 COUNTY JUDGES IN THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON IS NINE;

7 (b) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE NUMBER OF
8 COUNTY JUDGES IN THE COUNTY OF EL PASO IS TEN;

9 (c) (I) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE NUMBER OF
10 COUNTY JUDGES IN THE COUNTY OF ADAMS IS EIGHT; AND

11 (II) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
12 2025, THE NUMBER OF COUNTY JUDGES IN THE COUNTY OF ADAMS IS NINE;

13 (d) (I) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE NUMBER OF
14 COUNTY JUDGES IN THE COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE IS EIGHT; AND

15 (II) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
16 2025, THE NUMBER OF COUNTY JUDGES IN THE COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE IS
17 NINE;

18 (e) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE NUMBER OF
19 COUNTY JUDGES IN THE COUNTY OF BOULDER IS FIVE;

20 (f) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE NUMBER OF
21 COUNTY JUDGES IN THE COUNTY OF PUEBLO IS THREE;

22 (g) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE NUMBER OF
23 COUNTY JUDGES IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER IS THE NUMBER OF
24 COUNTY JUDGES PROVIDED BY THE CHARTER AND ORDINANCES THEREOF;

25 (h) (I) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE NUMBER OF
26 COUNTY JUDGES IN THE COUNTY OF LARIMER IS FIVE; AND

27 (II) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,

1 2025, THE NUMBER OF COUNTY JUDGES IN THE COUNTY OF LARIMER IS SIX;

2 (i) (I) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE NUMBER OF
3 COUNTY JUDGES IN THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS IS THREE; AND

4 (II) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
5 2025, THE NUMBER OF COUNTY JUDGES IN THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS IS
6 FOUR;

7 (j) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
8 2025, THE NUMBER OF COUNTY JUDGES IN THE COUNTY OF LA PLATA IS
9 TWO;

10 (k) (I) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE NUMBER OF
11 COUNTY JUDGES IN THE COUNTY OF MESA IS THREE; AND

12 (II) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
13 2025, THE NUMBER OF COUNTY JUDGES IN THE COUNTY OF MESA IS FOUR;

14 (l) (I) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE NUMBER OF
15 COUNTY JUDGES IN THE COUNTY OF WELD IS FOUR; AND

16 (II) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
17 2025, THE NUMBER OF COUNTY JUDGES IN THE COUNTY OF WELD IS FIVE;
18 AND

19 (m) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
20 2025, THE NUMBER OF COUNTY JUDGES IN THE COUNTY OF EAGLE IS TWO.

21 (2) (a) ONE OF THE COUNTY JUDGES IN BOULDER COUNTY SHALL
22 MAINTAIN A COURTROOM IN THE CITY OF LONGMONT AT LEAST THREE
23 DAYS PER WEEK.

24 (b) A JUDGE OF THE EAGLE COUNTY COURT SHALL CONDUCT
25 COURT BUSINESS IN THAT PORTION OF EAGLE COUNTY LYING IN THE
26 ROARING FORK RIVER DRAINAGE AREA IN A MANNER SUFFICIENT TO DEAL
27 WITH THE BUSINESS BEFORE THE COURT.

1 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 13-9-104 as
2 follows:

3 **13-9-104. Number of judges.** (1) There ~~shall be one judge~~ IS ONE
4 JUDGE of the probate court of the city and county of Denver.

5 (2) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026, THERE ARE TWO JUDGES OF THE
6 PROBATE COURT OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER.

7 **SECTION 14. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
8 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
9 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
10 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
11 institutions.