

LEGISLATIVE BILL 509

Approved by the Governor April 6, 1987

Introduced by Hefner, 19; Conway, 17; Korshoj, 16

AN ACT relating to courts; to amend section 24-503, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1986; to change the composition of the county judge districts; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 24-503, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1986, be amended to read as follows:

24-503. (1) For the purpose of serving the county courts in each county, twenty-one county judge districts are hereby created, which districts shall be the same as those established by section 5-105, except that:

(a) District 6 shall consist of the counties of Burt, Dodge, and Washington;

(b) District 8 shall consist of the counties of Dakota, Dixon, Cedar, and Thurston;

(c) District 16 shall consist of the counties of Sheridan, Grant, Dawes, Box Butte, and Sioux;

(d) District district 17 shall consist of the counties of Scotts Bluff, Morrill, and Garden; and

(e) District district 19 shall consist of the counties of Banner, Kimball, Cheyenne, and Deuel.

(2) There shall be fifty-seven judges of the county court. Each district listed in this section shall be served by at least one judge of the county court. Judges in office on July 17, 1986, shall continue to serve in the districts they are serving on such date. On or after July 17, 1986, any vacancy shall be determined as prescribed in section 24-810.

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

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

which results in a decrease in the number of municipal court judges authorized immediately prior to July 1, 1985, for a city of the primary or metropolitan class shall correspondingly increase the number of county court judges.

Sec. 2. That original section 24-503, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1986, is repealed.