

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 790**  
Final Reading

Introduced by Coash, 27.

Read first time January 05, 2012

Committee: Judiciary

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to courts; to amend section 24-503, Reissue  
2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the number of  
3 judges in certain county judge judicial districts; to  
4 provide an operative date; to repeal the original  
5 section; and to declare an emergency.

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

1                   Section 1. Section 24-503, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3                   24-503 For the purpose of serving the county courts in  
4 each county, twelve county judge districts are hereby created:

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

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

9                   District No. 3 shall contain the county of Lancaster;

10                  District No. 4 shall contain the county of Douglas;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8                   District 4 shall have twelve county judges. ~~Districts 3~~  
9 ~~and 5 shall have six county judges. District 3 shall have seven~~  
10 county judges. Districts 5, 11, and 12 shall have five county judges.  
11 Districts 2, 6, and 9 shall have four county judges. Districts 1, 7,  
12 8, and 10 shall have three county judges.

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

17                   Any person serving as a municipal judge in district 3 or  
18 4 immediately prior to July 1, 1985, shall be a judge of the county  
19 court and shall be empowered to hear only those cases as provided in  
20 section 24-517 which the presiding judge of the county court for such  
21 district, with the concurrence of the Supreme Court, shall direct.

22                   Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2012.

23                   Sec. 3. Original section 24-503, Reissue Revised Statutes  
24 of Nebraska, is repealed.

25                   Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect

1 when passed and approved according to law.