

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Special Session - 2024

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB54

Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: August 01, 2024

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 54 mandates that, starting January 1, 2026, in counties with fewer than 100,000 inhabitants, the duties and responsibilities of county attorneys and deputy county attorneys in criminal and juvenile court matters will be transferred to district attorneys and deputy district attorneys appointed by the Attorney General. The bill seeks to define the terms "covered county," "district," and "population" as per the latest federal census counts.

The Attorney General will designate district attorneys for each district, who will then act as county attorneys for the specified counties. Additional deputy district attorneys and support staff may be allocated as needed to manage the workload, and all will be full-time employees of the Attorney General's office, restricted from practicing law privately.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Justin Wayne