

1 AN ACT relating to judicial districts and circuits.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 21A IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) Beginning in 2030 and every ten (10) years thereafter, coincident with the year of*  
6 *the decennial census required pursuant to 13 U.S.C. sec. 141, the Supreme Court*  
7 *may direct the Administrative Office of the Courts to perform a weighted caseload*  
8 *analysis to determine the need to reduce, increase, or rearrange the*  
9 *Commonwealth's judicial circuits and districts, to reallocate the assignment of*  
10 *judges, or to modify the number of judges relative to their respective populations*  
11 *or caseloads. This analysis shall include caseload totals by case type and case*  
12 *weight and the total number of judges necessary for the Commonwealth's*  
13 *judicial circuits and districts.*

14 *(2) The weighted caseload analysis performed under subsection (1) of this section*  
15 *shall be completed within two (2) years following December 31 of the year of the*  
16 *decennial census, and the Supreme Court shall submit the analysis to the*  
17 *General Assembly by January 31 of the following year. If the analysis indicates a*  
18 *need to reduce, increase, or rearrange the judicial circuits or districts, to*  
19 *reallocate the assignment of judges, or to modify the number of judges due to*  
20 *population or caseload changes, a certification of necessity may be submitted as*  
21 *required by Sections 112 and 113 of the Constitution of Kentucky, which may*  
22 *include a proposed redrawing of circuit or district boundaries, reallocation of the*  
23 *assignment of judges, or modification of the number of judges.*

24 ➔Section 2. KRS 23A.040 is amended to read as follows:

25 The following judicial circuits are entitled to two (2) judges and shall have two (2)  
26 numbered divisions of the Circuit Court:

27 (1) Fourth Judicial Circuit.

- 1 (2) Fifth Judicial Circuit.
- 2 (3) Tenth Judicial Circuit.
- 3 (4) Eleventh Judicial Circuit.
- 4 (5) Twelfth Judicial Circuit.
- 5 (6) Thirteenth Judicial Circuit.
- 6 (7) Eighteenth Judicial Circuit.
- 7 (8) Twentieth Judicial Circuit.
- 8 (9) Twenty-first Judicial Circuit.
- 9 (10) Twenty-fourth Judicial Circuit.
- 10 (11) **Thirty-first Judicial Circuit.**
- 11 **(12)** Thirty-second Judicial Circuit.
- 12 **(13)**~~[(12)]~~ Thirty-fourth Judicial Circuit.
- 13 **(14)**~~[(13)]~~ Thirty-seventh Judicial Circuit.
- 14 **(15)**~~[(14)]~~ Thirty-eighth Judicial Circuit.
- 15 **(16)**~~[(15)]~~ Thirty-ninth Judicial Circuit.
- 16 **(17)**~~[(16)]~~ Forty-first Judicial Circuit.
- 17 **(18)**~~[(17)]~~ Forty-second Judicial Circuit.
- 18 **(19)**~~[(18)]~~ Forty-third Judicial Circuit.
- 19 **(20)**~~[(19)]~~ Forty-sixth Judicial Circuit.
- 20 **(21)**~~[(20)]~~ Forty-ninth Judicial Circuit.
- 21 **(22)**~~[(21)]~~ Fiftieth Judicial Circuit.
- 22 **(23)**~~[(22)]~~ Fifty-first Judicial Circuit.
- 23 **(24)**~~[(23)]~~ Fifty-third Judicial Circuit.
- 24 **(25)**~~[(24)]~~ Fifty-fifth Judicial Circuit.
- 25 **(26)**~~[(25)]~~ Fifty-seventh Judicial Circuit.

26       ➔Section 3. KRS 23A.045 is amended to read as follows:

27       The following judicial circuits are entitled to three (3) Circuit Judges and shall have three

1 (3) numbered divisions of the Circuit Court:

2 (1) Second Judicial Circuit.

3 (2) Third Judicial Circuit.

4 (3) ~~Sixth Judicial Circuit.~~

5 ~~(4) Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.~~

6 ~~(4)~~~~(5)~~ Seventeenth Judicial Circuit.

7 ~~(5)~~~~(6)~~ Twenty-seventh Judicial Circuit.

8 ~~(7) Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit.~~

9 ~~(8) Thirty-first Judicial Circuit.]~~

10 ~~(6)~~~~(9)~~ Thirty-fifth Judicial Circuit.

11 ~~(7)~~~~(10)~~ Forty-eighth Judicial Circuit.

12 ~~[(11) Fifty-fourth Judicial Circuit.]~~

13 ➔Section 4. KRS 23A.050 is amended to read as follows:

14 The following judicial circuits are entitled to four (4) judges and shall have four (4)  
15 numbered divisions of the Circuit Court:

16 (1) **Sixth Judicial Circuit.**

17 ~~(2)~~ Eighth Judicial Circuit.

18 ~~(3)~~~~(2)~~ Ninth Judicial Circuit.

19 ~~(4)~~~~(3)~~ Twenty-fifth Judicial Circuit.

20 ~~(5)~~ **Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit.**

21 ~~(6)~~ **Fifty-fourth Judicial Circuit.**

22 ➔Section 5. KRS 23A.055 is amended to read as follows:

23 The Sixteenth Judicial Circuit is entitled to ~~five (5)~~ **six (6)** judges and shall have ~~five (5)~~ **six**  
24 ~~(6)~~~~five (5)~~ numbered divisions of the Circuit Court.

25 ➔Section 6. KRS 24A.030 is amended to read as follows:

26 The state is divided into judicial districts, each to be composed of the following counties:

27 (1) First Judicial District. **Ballard, Carlisle,** Fulton, and Hickman.

- 1 (2) Second Judicial District. McCracken.
- 2 (3) Third Judicial District. Christian.
- 3 (4) Fourth Judicial District. Hopkins.
- 4 (5) Fifth Judicial District. Crittenden, Union, and Webster.
- 5 (6) Sixth Judicial District. Daviess.
- 6 (7) Seventh Judicial District. Logan and Todd.
- 7 (8) Eighth Judicial District. Warren.
- 8 (9) Ninth Judicial District. Hardin.
- 9 (10) Tenth Judicial District. Hart and Larue.
- 10 (11) Eleventh Judicial District. Green, Marion, Taylor, and Washington.
- 11 (12) Twelfth Judicial District. Henry, Oldham, and Trimble.
- 12 (13) Thirteenth Judicial District. Garrard, Jessamine, and Lincoln.
- 13 (14) Fourteenth Judicial District. Bourbon, Scott, and Woodford.
- 14 (15) Fifteenth Judicial District. Carroll, Grant, and Owen.
- 15 (16) Sixteenth Judicial District. Kenton.
- 16 (17) Seventeenth Judicial District. Campbell.
- 17 (18) Eighteenth Judicial District. Harrison, Nicholas, Pendleton, and Robertson.
- 18 (19) Nineteenth Judicial District. Bracken, Fleming, and Mason.
- 19 (20) Twentieth Judicial District. Greenup and Lewis.
- 20 (21) Twenty-first Judicial District. Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, and Rowan.
- 21 (22) Twenty-second Judicial District. Fayette.
- 22 (23) Twenty-third Judicial District. Estill, Lee, and Owsley.
- 23 (24) Twenty-fourth Judicial District. Lawrence, Johnson, and Martin.
- 24 (25) Twenty-fifth Judicial District. Clark and Madison.
- 25 (26) Twenty-sixth Judicial District. Harlan.
- 26 (27) Twenty-seventh Judicial District. Knox and Laurel.
- 27 (28) Twenty-eighth Judicial District. Pulaski and Rockcastle.

- 1 (29) Twenty-ninth Judicial District. Adair and Casey.
- 2 (30) Thirtieth Judicial District. Jefferson.
- 3 (31) Thirty-first Judicial District. Floyd.
- 4 (32) Thirty-second Judicial District. Boyd.
- 5 (33) Thirty-third Judicial District. Perry.
- 6 (34) Thirty-fourth Judicial District. Whitley and McCreary.
- 7 (35) Thirty-fifth Judicial District. Pike.
- 8 (36) Thirty-sixth Judicial District. Magoffin and Knott.
- 9 (37) Thirty-seventh Judicial District. Carter, Elliott, and Morgan.
- 10 (38) Thirty-eighth Judicial District. Butler, Edmonson, Ohio, and Hancock.
- 11 (39) Thirty-ninth Judicial District. Breathitt, Wolfe, and Powell.
- 12 (40) Fortieth Judicial District. Clinton, Russell, and Wayne.
- 13 (41) Forty-first Judicial District. Clay, Jackson, and Leslie.
- 14 (42) Forty-second Judicial District. Calloway.
- 15 (43) Forty-third Judicial District. Barren and Metcalfe.
- 16 (44) Forty-fourth Judicial District. Bell.
- 17 (45) Forty-fifth Judicial District. Muhlenberg and McLean.
- 18 (46) Forty-sixth Judicial District. Breckinridge, Grayson, and Meade.
- 19 (47) Forty-seventh Judicial District. Letcher.
- 20 (48) Forty-eighth Judicial District. Franklin.
- 21 (49) Forty-ninth Judicial District. Allen and Simpson.
- 22 (50) Fiftieth Judicial District. Boyle and Mercer.
- 23 (51) Fifty-first Judicial District. Henderson.
- 24 (52) Fifty-second Judicial District. Graves.
- 25 (53) Fifty-third Judicial District. Shelby, Anderson, and Spencer.
- 26 (54) Fifty-fourth Judicial District. Boone and Gallatin.
- 27 (55) Fifty-fifth Judicial District. Bullitt.

1 (56) Fifty-sixth Judicial District. Caldwell, Livingston, Lyon, and Trigg.

2 (57) Fifty-seventh Judicial District. Nelson.

3 (58) Fifty-eighth Judicial District. Marshall.

4 (59) Fifty-ninth Judicial District. ~~Ballard and Carlisle.~~

5 ~~(60) Sixtieth Judicial District.~~ Cumberland and Monroe.

6 ➔ Section 7. KRS 24A.050 is amended to read as follows:

7 The following judicial districts are entitled to two (2) District Judges and shall have two

8 (2) numbered divisions of the District Court:

9 (1) Second Judicial District.

10 (2) Third Judicial District.

11 (3) Sixth~~Fourth~~ Judicial District.

12 (4) Ninth Judicial District.

13 (5) Eleventh Judicial District.

14 (6) Twelfth Judicial District.

15 (7) Thirteenth Judicial District.

16 (8) Fourteenth Judicial District.

17 (9) Fifteenth Judicial District.

18 (10) Seventeenth Judicial District.

19 (11) Twenty-first Judicial District.

20 (12) Twenty-fourth Judicial District.

21 (13) Twenty-seventh Judicial District.

22 (14) Twenty-eighth Judicial District.

23 (15) Thirty-first Judicial District.

24 (16) Thirty-second Judicial District.

25 (17) Thirty-fourth Judicial District.

26 (18) Thirty-fifth Judicial District.

27 (19) Thirty-eighth Judicial District.

- 1 (20) Fortieth Judicial District.
- 2 (21) Forty-first Judicial District.
- 3 (22) Forty-sixth Judicial District.
- 4 (23) Forty-eighth Judicial District.
- 5 (24) Fifty-first Judicial District.
- 6 (25) Fifty-third Judicial District.
- 7 (26) Fifty-fourth Judicial District.
- 8 (27) Fifty-fifth Judicial District.
- 9 (28) Fifty-sixth Judicial District.

10       ➔Section 8. KRS 24A.060 is amended to read as follows:

11 The following judicial districts are entitled to three (3) District Judges and shall have  
12 three (3) numbered divisions of the District Court:

- 13 (1) ~~{Sixth Judicial District.~~
- 14 ~~{(2)—}Eighth Judicial District.~~
- 15 {(2)}~~{(3)}~~ Sixteenth Judicial District.
- 16 {(3)}~~{(4)}~~ Twenty-fifth Judicial District.

17       ➔Section 9. The General Assembly requests that each additional Circuit Court  
18 judgeship added in the Sixth Judicial Circuit, the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, the Twenty-  
19 eighth Judicial Circuit, and the Fifty-fourth Judicial Circuit be designated by the Supreme  
20 Court as family court divisions.

21       ➔Section 10. This Act takes effect January 1, 2019.