

1 AN ACT relating to judicial redistricting.

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.020 is amended to read as follows:

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

26 (1) First Judicial Circuit. ~~Ballard,~~ Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, and Hickman.

27 (2) Second Judicial Circuit. Ballard and McCracken.

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

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

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

2 ~~[(57) Fifty-seventh Judicial Circuit. Russell and Wayne.]~~

3 ➔Section 3. KRS 23A.040 is amended to read as follows:

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

6 (1) **First Judicial Circuit.**

7 **(2)** Fourth Judicial Circuit.

8 ~~**(3)**~~~~(2)~~ Fifth Judicial Circuit.

9 ~~[(3) Tenth Judicial Circuit.]~~

10 (4) Eleventh Judicial Circuit.

11 (5) Twelfth Judicial Circuit.

12 (6) Thirteenth Judicial Circuit.

13 (7) **Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.**

14 **(8)** Eighteenth Judicial Circuit.

15 ~~**(9)**~~~~(8)~~ Twentieth Judicial Circuit.

16 ~~[(9) Twenty-first Judicial Circuit.]~~

17 (10) Twenty-fourth Judicial Circuit.

18 (11) **Thirty-first Judicial Circuit.**

19 **(12)** Thirty-second Judicial Circuit.

20 ~~**(13)**~~~~(12)~~ Thirty-fourth Judicial Circuit.

21 **(14) Thirty-sixth Judicial Circuit.**

22 ~~**(15)**~~~~(13)~~ Thirty-seventh Judicial Circuit.

23 ~~**(16)**~~~~(14)~~ Thirty-eighth Judicial Circuit.

24 ~~**(17)**~~~~(15)~~ Thirty-ninth Judicial Circuit.

25 ~~**(18)**~~~~(16)~~ Forty-first Judicial Circuit.

26 ~~**(19)**~~~~(17)~~ Forty-second Judicial Circuit.

27 ~~**(20)**~~~~(18)~~ Forty-third Judicial Circuit.

- 1 ~~[(19) Forty-sixth Judicial Circuit.]~~
- 2 (21)~~[(20)]~~ Forty-ninth Judicial Circuit.
- 3 (22)~~[(21)]~~ Fiftieth Judicial Circuit.
- 4 (23)~~[(22)]~~ Fifty-first Judicial Circuit.
- 5 (24)~~[(23)]~~ **Fifty-second**~~[(Fifty-third)]~~ Judicial Circuit.
- 6 (25) **Fifty-fourth Judicial Circuit.**
- 7 (26)~~[(24)]~~ Fifty-fifth Judicial Circuit.
- 8 (27) **Fifty-sixth Judicial Circuit.**
- 9 ~~[(25) Fifty-seventh Judicial Circuit.]~~

10 ➔Section 4. KRS 23A.045 is amended to read as follows:

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

- 13 (1) Second Judicial Circuit.
- 14 (2) Third Judicial Circuit.
- 15 (3) **Tenth**~~[(Sixth)]~~ Judicial Circuit.
- 16 (4) ~~[(Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.]~~
- 17 ~~[(5)—]Seventeenth Judicial Circuit.~~
- 18 (5)~~[(6)]~~ **Twenty-first**~~[(Twenty-seventh)]~~ Judicial Circuit.
- 19 (6)~~[(7)]~~ **Forty-sixth**~~[(Twenty-eighth)]~~ Judicial Circuit.
- 20 ~~[(8)—Thirty-first Judicial Circuit.]~~
- 21 ~~[(9)—Thirty-fifth Judicial Circuit.]~~
- 22 (7)~~[(10)]~~ Forty-eighth Judicial Circuit.
- 23 ~~[(11) Fifty-fourth Judicial Circuit.]~~

24 ➔Section 5. KRS 23A.050 is amended to read as follows:

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

- 27 (1) **Sixth Judicial Circuit.**

- 1 (2) Eighth Judicial Circuit.
- 2 ~~(3)~~~~(2)~~ Ninth Judicial Circuit.
- 3 (4) **Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.**
- 4 ~~(5)~~~~(3)~~ Twenty-fifth Judicial Circuit.
- 5 (6) **Twenty-seventh Judicial Circuit.**
- 6 (7) **Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit.**
- 7 (8) **Thirty-fifth Judicial Circuit.**
- 8 (9) **Fifty-third Judicial Circuit.**

9 →Section 6. KRS 23A.055 is amended to read as follows:

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

12 →Section 7. KRS 24A.030 is amended to read as follows:

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

- 14 (1) First Judicial District. Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, and Hickman.
- 15 (2) Second Judicial District. Ballard and McCracken.
- 16 (3) Third Judicial District. Christian.
- 17 (4) Fourth Judicial District. Hopkins.
- 18 (5) Fifth Judicial District. Crittenden, Livingston, Union, and Webster.
- 19 (6) Sixth Judicial District. Daviess.
- 20 (7) Seventh Judicial District. Logan and Todd.
- 21 (8) Eighth Judicial District. Warren.
- 22 (9) Ninth Judicial District. Hardin.
- 23 (10) Tenth Judicial District. Hart, ~~and~~ Larue, and Nelson.
- 24 (11) Eleventh Judicial District. Green, Marion, Taylor, and Washington.
- 25 (12) Twelfth Judicial District. Henry, Oldham, and Trimble.
- 26 (13) Thirteenth Judicial District. Garrard and~~,~~ Jessamine~~, and Lincoln~~.
- 27 (14) Fourteenth Judicial District. Bourbon, Scott, and Woodford.

- 1 (15) Fifteenth Judicial District. Carroll, *Gallatin*, Grant, and Owen.
- 2 (16) Sixteenth Judicial District. Kenton.
- 3 (17) Seventeenth Judicial District. Campbell.
- 4 (18) Eighteenth Judicial District. Harrison, Nicholas, Pendleton, and Robertson.
- 5 (19) Nineteenth Judicial District. Bracken, Fleming, and Mason.
- 6 (20) Twentieth Judicial District. Greenup and Lewis.
- 7 (21) Twenty-first Judicial District. Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, and Rowan.
- 8 (22) Twenty-second Judicial District. Fayette.
- 9 (23) Twenty-third Judicial District. Estill, Lee, and Owsley.
- 10 (24) Twenty-fourth Judicial District. Lawrence *and* Johnson~~[, and Martin]~~.
- 11 (25) Twenty-fifth Judicial District. Clark and Madison.
- 12 (26) Twenty-sixth Judicial District. Harlan.
- 13 (27) Twenty-seventh Judicial District. Knox and Laurel.
- 14 (28) Twenty-eighth Judicial District. *Lincoln*, Pulaski and Rockcastle.
- 15 (29) Twenty-ninth Judicial District. Adair and Casey.
- 16 (30) Thirtieth Judicial District. Jefferson.
- 17 (31) Thirty-first Judicial District. Floyd.
- 18 (32) Thirty-second Judicial District. Boyd.
- 19 (33) Thirty-third Judicial District. Perry.
- 20 (34) Thirty-fourth Judicial District. Whitley and McCreary.
- 21 (35) Thirty-fifth Judicial District. *Martin and* Pike.
- 22 (36) Thirty-sixth Judicial District. Magoffin and Knott.
- 23 (37) Thirty-seventh Judicial District. Carter, Elliott, and Morgan.
- 24 (38) Thirty-eighth Judicial District. Butler, Edmonson, *and* Ohio~~[, and Hancock]~~.
- 25 (39) Thirty-ninth Judicial District. Breathitt, Wolfe, and Powell.
- 26 (40) Fortieth Judicial District. Clinton, *Cumberland, and Monroe*~~[Russell, and Wayne]~~.
- 27 (41) Forty-first Judicial District. Clay, Jackson, and Leslie.

- 1 (42) Forty-second Judicial District. Calloway *and Marshall.*
- 2 (43) Forty-third Judicial District. Barren and Metcalfe.
- 3 (44) Forty-fourth Judicial District. Bell.
- 4 (45) Forty-fifth Judicial District. Muhlenberg and McLean.
- 5 (46) Forty-sixth Judicial District. Breckinridge, Grayson, *Hancock,* and Meade.
- 6 (47) Forty-seventh Judicial District. Letcher.
- 7 (48) Forty-eighth Judicial District. Franklin.
- 8 (49) Forty-ninth Judicial District. Allen and Simpson.
- 9 (50) Fiftieth Judicial District. Boyle and Mercer.
- 10 (51) Fifty-first Judicial District. Henderson.
- 11 (52) Fifty-second Judicial District. ~~{Graves.~~
- 12 ~~{(53) Fifty-third Judicial District.} Shelby, Anderson, and Spencer.~~
- 13 *(53) Fifty-third*~~{(54) Fifty-fourth}~~ Judicial District. Boone~~{ and Gallatin}.~~
- 14 *(54) Fifty-fourth*~~{(55) — Fifty-fifth}~~ Judicial District. Bullitt.
- 15 *(55) Fifty-fifth Judicial District. Russell and Wayne.*
- 16 (56) Fifty-sixth Judicial District. Caldwell,~~{ Livingston,}~~ Lyon, and Trigg.
- 17 ~~{(57) Fifty-seventh Judicial District. Nelson.~~
- 18 ~~{(58) Fifty-eighth Judicial District. Marshall.~~
- 19 ~~{(59) Fifty-ninth Judicial District. Ballard and Carlisle.~~
- 20 ~~{(60) Sixtieth Judicial District. Cumberland and Monroe.}~~

21 ➔Section 8. KRS 24A.050 is amended to read as follows:

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

23 (2) numbered divisions of the District Court:

- 24 (1) *First*~~{Second}~~ Judicial District.
- 25 (2) *Second*~~{Third}~~ Judicial District.
- 26 (3) *Third*~~{Fourth}~~ Judicial District.
- 27 (4) *Sixth*~~{Ninth}~~ Judicial District.

- 1 (5) *Ninth*~~[Eleventh]~~ Judicial District.
- 2 (6) *Tenth*~~[Twelfth]~~ Judicial District.
- 3 (7) *Eleventh*~~[Thirteenth]~~ Judicial District.
- 4 (8) *Twelfth*~~[Fourteenth]~~ Judicial District.
- 5 (9) *Thirteenth*~~[Fifteenth]~~ Judicial District.
- 6 (10) *Fourteenth*~~[Seventeenth]~~ Judicial District.
- 7 (11) *Fifteenth*~~[Twenty-first]~~ Judicial District.
- 8 (12) *Seventeenth*~~[Twenty-fourth]~~ Judicial District.
- 9 (13) *Twenty-first*~~[Twenty-seventh]~~ Judicial District.
- 10 (14) *Twenty-seventh*~~[Twenty-eighth]~~ Judicial District.
- 11 (15) *Thirty-fourth*~~[Thirty-first]~~ Judicial District.
- 12 (16) *Thirty-fifth*~~[Thirty-second]~~ Judicial District.
- 13 (17) *Forty-second*~~[Thirty-fourth]~~ Judicial District.
- 14 (18) *Forty-sixth*~~[Thirty-fifth]~~ Judicial District.
- 15 (19) *Forty-eighth*~~[Thirty-eighth]~~ Judicial District.
- 16 (20) *Fifty-second*~~[Fortieth]~~ Judicial District.
- 17 (21) ~~[Forty-first Judicial District.~~
- 18 ~~(22) Forty-sixth Judicial District.~~
- 19 ~~(23) Forty-eighth Judicial District.~~
- 20 ~~(24) Fifty-first Judicial District.~~
- 21 ~~(25)]Fifty-third Judicial District.~~
- 22 ~~[(26) Fifty-fourth Judicial District.~~
- 23 ~~(27) Fifty-fifth Judicial District.~~
- 24 ~~(28) Fifty-sixth Judicial District.]~~

25 ➔Section 9. KRS 24A.060 is amended to read as follows:

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

- 1 (1) ~~Sixth Judicial District.~~
2 ~~(2) Eighth Judicial District.~~
3 ~~(2)(3) Sixteenth Judicial District.~~
4 ~~(3)(4) Twenty-fifth Judicial District.~~
5 **(4) *Twenty-eighth Judicial District.***

6 ➔Section 10. The circuits, districts, and judgeships established in Sections 2
7 through 9 of this Act shall become effective on January 2, 2023.

8 For the purposes of all primary, regular, or special elections of district judges
9 occurring on or after January 1, 2022, the districts established in Section 7 of this Act
10 shall be used.

11 For the purposes of all primary, regular, or special elections of circuit judges and
12 Commonwealth's attorneys occurring on or after January 1, 2022, the circuits established
13 in Section 2 of this Act shall be used.

14 The Commonwealth's attorney for the Fifty-third Judicial Circuit as it exists before
15 January 2, 2023, shall, for the remainder of the term to which that Commonwealth's
16 attorney was elected, serve as the Commonwealth's attorney for the Fifty-second Judicial
17 Circuit as established in Section 2 of this Act, which shall consist of the counties of
18 Shelby, Anderson, and Spencer.

19 The Commonwealth's attorney for the Fifty-fifth Judicial Circuit as it exists before
20 January 2, 2023, shall, for the remainder of the term to which that Commonwealth's
21 attorney was elected, serve as the Commonwealth's attorney for the Fifty-fourth Judicial
22 Circuit as established in Section 2 of this Act, which shall consist of the county of Bullitt.

23 The Commonwealth's attorney for the Fifty-seventh Judicial Circuit as it exists
24 before January 2, 2023, shall, for the remainder of the term to which that
25 Commonwealth's attorney was elected, serve as the Commonwealth's attorney for the
26 Fifty-fifth Judicial Circuit as established in Section 2 of this Act, which shall consist of
27 the counties of Russell and Wayne.

1 The Commonwealth's attorney for the Fifty-fourth Judicial Circuit as it exists before
2 January 2, 2023, shall, for the remainder of the term to which that Commonwealth's
3 attorney was elected, serve as the Commonwealth's attorney for the Fifty-third Judicial
4 Circuit as established in Section 2 of this Act, which shall consist of the county of Boone.

5 In the event that the provisions of Section 2 of this Act result in more than one (1)
6 Commonwealth's attorney serving in any circuit established on January 2, 2023, under
7 Section 2 of this Act, the affected Commonwealth's attorneys shall serve the remainder of
8 their terms concurrently until the next election for Commonwealth's attorneys occurs.

9 ➔Section 11. This Act takes effect on December 31, 2021.