

Sixty-third
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2075

Introduced by

Judiciary Committee

(At the request of the Supreme Court)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the judicial branch of
2 state government relating to the establishment of ~~three~~four additional district court judgeships;
3 and to declare an emergency.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
6 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ~~\$1,690,950~~\$2,254,600, or so
7 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the judicial branch for the purpose of establishing
8 ~~three~~four additional district court judgeships as provided in section 2 of this Act, for the period
9 beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2015. The judicial branch is
10 authorized ~~six~~eight full-time equivalent positions for purposes of implementing this Act.

11 **SECTION 2. DISTRICT JUDGES.** The appropriation provided in section 1 of this Act
12 provides for two additional district court judges in the northwest judicial district, one additional
13 district court judgeship in the south central judicial district, and one additional district court judge
14 in the east central judicial district to be assigned pursuant to section 10 of article VI of the
15 Constitution of North Dakota, and to be assigned to chambers by the supreme court. Within
16 thirty days after the effective date of this Act, the judgeship vacancies created by this section
17 must be filled in accordance with section 13 of article VI of the Constitution of North Dakota. In
18 accordance with sections 9 and 13 of article VI of the Constitution of North Dakota, each judge
19 appointed to fill a vacancy created by this section continues in the office until the next general
20 election immediately following two years of service after the appointment. The individual then
21 elected holds office for the remainder of the term and until a successor is elected and duly
22 qualified.

23 **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.