HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 22-1005

101 Submitting to the registered electors of the state of Colorado an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning judges of the newly created twenty-third judicial district, and, in connection therewith, directing the governor to designate judges from the eighteenth judicial district to serve the remainder of their terms in the twenty-third judicial district and requiring a judge so designated to establish residency within the twenty-third judicial district.

Resolution Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this resolution as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this resolution passes third reading in the house of introduction, a resolution

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment   Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.
Pursuant to House Bill 20-1026, effective January 7, 2025, the counties of Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln will move from the eighteenth judicial district to a newly created twenty-third judicial district. Under the state constitution, district judges serve the term to which they were elected but may serve in another judicial district if the other district encompasses the county of the judge's residence. Under this concurrent resolution, the governor would designate judges serving in the eighteenth judicial district on January 6, 2025, to serve the remainder of their terms in the twenty-third judicial district.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-third General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

SECTION 1. At the election held on November 8, 2022, the secretary of state shall submit to the registered electors of the state the ballot title set forth in section 2 for the following amendment to the state constitution:

In the constitution of the state of Colorado, section 10 of article VI, add (5) as follows:

Section 10. Judicial districts - district judges - repeal.

(5) Pursuant to the creation of the twenty-third judicial district, no later than November 30, 2024, the governor shall designate district judges from the eighteenth judicial district to serve as district judges in the twenty-third judicial district. No later than January 7, 2025, each district judge designated pursuant to this section shall establish residence in the twenty-third judicial district. Each district judge designated pursuant to this section, at the completion of the last term for which the judge was last elected or appointed, is eligible to seek retention in the twenty-third judicial district. A vacancy in any
JUDICIAL OFFICE IN THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OCCURRING
AFTER JANUARY 7, 2025, SHALL BE FILLED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 20 (1)
of this Article VI.

SECTION 2. Each elector voting at the election may cast a vote
either "Yes/For" or "No/Against" on the following ballot title: "Shall
there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning judges of
the newly created twenty-third judicial district, and, in connection
therewith, directing the governor to designate judges from the eighteenth
judicial district to serve the remainder of their terms in the twenty-third
judicial district and requiring a judge so designated to establish residency
within the twenty-third judicial district?"

SECTION 3. Except as otherwise provided in section 1-40-123,
Colorado Revised Statutes, if at least fifty-five percent of the electors
voting on the ballot title vote "Yes/For", then the amendment will become
part of the state constitution.