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STATE OF COLORADO**

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HOUSE BILL 24-1455

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Weissman and Frizell,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Fields and Gardner,

House Committees
Judiciary

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL**
102 **DISTRICT.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill changes the effective date of the creation of the new twenty-third judicial district from January 7, 2025, to January 14, 2025, to coincide with the date that the district attorney of that district will be sworn in.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-5-123.2, **amend**
3 (3) as follows:

4 **13-5-123.2. Twenty-third judicial district - elections in 2024 -**
5 **reports - repeal.** (3) (a) Effective ~~January 7, 2025~~ JANUARY 14, 2025,
6 any district court judge who on that date was serving as a district court
7 judge in the eighteenth judicial district and who lives within the
8 boundaries of the new twenty-third judicial district shall, pursuant to
9 section 10 of article VI of the state constitution, complete the term for
10 which the judge was last elected or appointed as a district court judge in
11 the twenty-third judicial district. Such district court judges are eligible for
12 a retention election in the twenty-third judicial district in the same year
13 that they would have been eligible for a retention election in the
14 eighteenth judicial district but for the creation of the twenty-third judicial
15 district.

16 (b) On and after ~~January 7, 2025~~ JANUARY 14, 2025, assignment
17 of judges shall be pursuant to sections 10 and 11 of article VI of the state
18 constitution.

19 **SECTION 2.** In Session Laws of Colorado 2020, **amend** section
20 6 of chapter 40 as follows:

21 Section 6. **Act subject to petition - effective date.** Sections 2 to
22 4 of this act take effect ~~January 7, 2025~~ JANUARY 14, 2025, and the
23 remainder of this act takes effect September 1, 2020; except that, if a
24 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
25 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
26 within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general
27 assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless

1 approved by the people at the general election to be held in November
2 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official
3 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor; except that sections 2 to
4 4 of this act take effect ~~January 7, 2025~~ JANUARY 14, 2025.

5 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-5-123.2, **add** (1.5)
6 as follows:

7 **13-5-123.2. Twenty-third judicial district - elections in 2024 -**
8 **reports - repeal.** (1.5) TO FACILITATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
9 TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AND THE REVISION OF THE EIGHTEENTH
10 JUDICIAL DISTRICT, PRIOR TO JANUARY 14, 2025, THE OPERATIONS AND
11 EMPLOYEES OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT MAY BE DIVIDED INTO
12 TWO DISTINCT UNITS.

13 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
14 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
15 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
16 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
17 institutions.