

CHAPTER 8

COURTS

HOUSE BILL 06-1028

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also SENATOR(S) Mitchell, Dyer, Entz, Evans, Fitz-Gerald, Jones, Kester, Lamborn, Owen, Sandoval, Shaffer, Taylor, Teck, Tupa, and Williams.

AN ACT

CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF JUDGES IN CERTAIN COURTS WITHIN THE STATE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. 13-4-103 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

13-4-103. Number of judges - qualifications. (1) Effective January 1, 1988, the number of judges of the court of appeals shall be thirteen. Effective July 1, 1988, the number of judges of the court of appeals shall be sixteen. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS SHALL BE NINETEEN.

SECTION 2. 13-6-202, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

13-6-202. Number of judges. In each county there shall be one county judge; except that: In the county of El Paso, there shall be eight county judges; in EACH OF the ~~county~~ COUNTIES of Arapahoe AND JEFFERSON, there shall be seven county judges; in ~~each of the counties of Adams and Jefferson~~ THE COUNTY OF ADAMS, there shall be six county judges; in the county of Boulder, there shall be five county judges; in EACH OF the ~~county~~ COUNTIES of Larimer AND WELD, there shall be four county judges; in each of the counties of Pueblo, ~~and Weld~~, DOUGLAS, AND MESA there shall be three county judges; ~~in each of the counties of Douglas and Mesa, there shall be two county judges~~; and, in the city and county of Denver, there shall be the number of county judges provided by the charter and ordinances thereof. In the city and county of Broomfield, there shall be one county judge. One of the county judges in Boulder county shall maintain a courtroom in the city of Longmont

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at least three days per week. The judge of the Eagle county court shall conduct court business in that portion of Eagle county lying in the Roaring Fork river drainage area in a manner sufficient to deal with the business before the court.

SECTION 3. Appropriation. (1) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, to the state judicial department, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, the sum of three million one hundred thirty-three thousand nine hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$3,133,968) and 42.5 FTE, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act. Of this sum, one million two hundred sixty-three thousand thirty-four dollars (\$1,263,034) and 13.5 FTE shall be for the supreme court/court of appeals, one million two hundred thirty-six thousand six hundred twenty-two dollars (\$1,236,622) and 16.0 FTE shall be for the trial courts, and six hundred thirty-four thousand three hundred twelve dollars (\$634,312) and 13.0 FTE shall be for the public defender.

(2) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, to the department of law, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, the sum of seventy-five thousand three hundred dollars (\$75,300) and 1.0 FTE, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act.

SECTION 4. Effective date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

SECTION 5. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: March 8, 2006