Assembly Bill No. 38-Assemblyman Neighbors

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to district courts; providing for an additional judge for the fifth judicial district; authorizing the board of county commissioners to establish one or more locations within the county for a district court to hold court in addition to the county seat; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- **Section 1.** NRS 1.050 is hereby amended to read as follows: 1.050 1. [The] Except as otherwise provided in NRS 3.100, the district court in and for Carson City shall sit at Carson City.
- 2. Except as provided in subsection 4 [,] or NRS 3.100, every other court of justice, except justice's or municipal court, shall sit at the county seat of the county in which it is held.
- 3. Justices' courts shall be held in their respective townships, precincts or cities, and municipal courts in their respective cities.
- 4. The parties to an action in a district court may stipulate, with the approval of the court, that the action may be tried, or any proceeding related to the action may be had, before that court at any other place in this state where a district court is regularly held.
 - **Sec. 2.** NRS 3.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 3.015 For the fifth judicial district there must be [one district judge.] two district judges.
 - **Sec. 3.** NRS 3.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 3.100 1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the district courts shall hold court at the county seat of their respective counties. The board of county commissioners may establish one or more additional locations within the county for the district court to hold court.
- 2. If a room for holding court [be] at the county seat is not provided by the county, together with attendants, fuel, lights and stationery, suitable and sufficient for the transaction of business, the court may direct the sheriff to provide such room, attendants, fuel, lights and stationery, and the expenses thereof shall be a county charge.
 - [2. Offices shall]
- 3. An office at each county seat must be provided and furnished by and at the expense of the several counties for the several district judges. Whenever the county commissioners of any county [shall] neglect or refuse to provide and furnish such an office for the use of the district judge, [it shall be lawful for such district judge to] the district judge may make an order, which [order shall] must be entered upon the minutes of the court, requiring the sheriff to provide and furnish [such] the office. The necessary expenses incurred therein [shall become] are a legal and valid claim against the county.

- **Sec. 4.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to the district judges' salary account of the supreme court the sum of \$62,651 for a portion of the salary for the additional district judge required for the fifth judicial district pursuant to section 2 of this act.
- 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2001, and reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of money committed have been made.
- **Sec. 5.** The additional district judge required for the fifth judicial district pursuant to section 2 of this act must be selected at the general election to be held on November 7, 2000, and take office on January 1, 2001. The term of this judge expires on January 6, 2003.
- **Sec. 6.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.
- **Sec. 7.** 1. This section and sections 1, 3, 5 and 6 of this act become effective on October 1, 1999.
 - 2. Section 4 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2000.
 - 3. Section 2 of this act becomes effective on January 1, 2001.

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