

SENATE BILL NO. 225—SENATOR MCGINNESS

MARCH 13, 2009

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Provides for the realignment of certain judicial districts. (BDR 1-767)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to district courts; providing for the realignment of certain judicial districts; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law provides for this State to be divided into nine judicial districts. (Nev. Const. Art. 6, § 5; NRS 3.010) The Nevada Constitution authorizes the Legislature, under certain circumstances, to: (1) alter the boundaries or divisions of those judicial districts; (2) increase or diminish the number of those judicial districts; and (3) increase or diminish the number of judges in those judicial districts. (Nev. Const. Art. 6, § 5) **Section 2** of this bill increases the number of judicial districts in this State from 9 to 10 judicial districts. **Section 2** also removes Churchill County and Mineral County from the Third Judicial District and Fifth Judicial District, respectively, and provides that those counties constitute the Tenth Judicial District. (NRS 3.010) **Sections 1 and 3** of this bill decrease the number of district judges in the Third Judicial District from three to two and provide that the Tenth Judicial District will have one district judge. (NRS 3.013)

This bill does not affect the current term of any district judge who is serving in that office on January 1, 2010.

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

Section 1. Chapter 3 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

For the Tenth Judicial District there must be one district judge.

Sec. 2. NRS 3.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.010 The State is hereby divided into ~~nine~~ *ten* judicial districts, as follows:



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First Judicial District. Carson City and the County of Storey constitute the First Judicial District.

Second Judicial District. The County of Washoe constitutes the Second Judicial District.

Third Judicial District. The ~~{Counties of Churchill and}~~ *County of Lyon* ~~{constitute}~~ *constitutes* the Third Judicial District.

Fourth Judicial District. The County of Elko constitutes the Fourth Judicial District.

Fifth Judicial District. The Counties of ~~{Mineral,}~~ Esmeralda and Nye constitute the Fifth Judicial District.

Sixth Judicial District. The Counties of Lander, Pershing and Humboldt constitute the Sixth Judicial District.

Seventh Judicial District. The Counties of Eureka, White Pine and Lincoln constitute the Seventh Judicial District.

Eighth Judicial District. The County of Clark constitutes the Eighth Judicial District.

Ninth Judicial District. The County of Douglas constitutes the Ninth Judicial District.

Tenth Judicial District. *The Counties of Churchill and Mineral constitute the Tenth Judicial District.*

Sec. 3. NRS 3.013 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.013 For the Third Judicial District there must be ~~{three}~~ *two* district judges.

Sec. 4. The amendatory provisions of this act do not abrogate or affect the current term of office of any district judge who is serving in that office on January 1, 2010.

Sec. 5. This act becomes effective on January 1, 2010.

