SENATE BILL NO. 8–COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA SUPREME COURT)

PREFILED OCTOBER 28, 2026

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to district courts. (BDR 1-572)

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

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 1, 2)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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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; increasing the number of district judges in certain judicial districts; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law sets forth the number of district judges in each judicial district of this State. (NRS 3.011-3.0197) The Nevada Constitution authorizes the Legislature to increase or decrease the number of district judges. (Nev. Const. Art. 6, § 5) **Section 1** of this bill increases the number of district judges in the First Judicial District, which includes Carson City and Storey County, from two district judges to three district judges. (NRS 3.010, 3.011) **Section 2** of this bill increases the number of district judges in the Tenth Judicial District, which includes Churchill County, from one district judge to two district judges. (NRS 3.010, 3.0195) **Section 3** of this bill sets out the timeframe for the election of the additional judges who will take office on January 1, 2029.

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

Section 1. NRS 3.011 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.011 For the First Judicial District there must be [~~two~~] ***three*** district judges.

Sec. 2. NRS 3.0195 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.0195 For the Tenth Judicial District there must be ~~[one]~~ ***two*** district ~~[judge.]~~ ***judges.***

Sec. 3. Each additional district judge required pursuant to the amendatory provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this act must be selected at the General Election to be held on November 7, 2028, and take office on January 1, 2029, for a term that expires on January 3, 2033.

Sec. 4. The provisions 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. 5. 1. This section and sections 3 and 4 of this act become effective on July 1, 2027.

2. Sections 1 and 2 of this act become effective on January 1, 2029.

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