

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 36**

Introduced By: Hudkins, 21;  
Read first time: January 4, 2007  
Committee: Judiciary

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to county courts; to amend section 24-503,  
2 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change the  
3 number of judges in specified districts; to provide an  
4 operative date; to repeal the original section; and to  
5 declare an emergency.  
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. Section 24-503 Revised Statutes Cumulative  
2 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

3           24-503. For the purpose of serving the county courts in each  
4 county, twelve county judge districts are hereby created:

5           District No. 1 shall contain the counties of Saline,  
6 Jefferson, Gage, Thayer, Johnson, Pawnee, Nemaha, and Richardson;

7           District No. 2 shall contain the counties of Sarpy, Cass,  
8 and Otoe;

9           District No. 3 shall contain the county of Lancaster;

10          District No. 4 shall contain the county of Douglas;

11          District No. 5 shall contain the counties of Merrick,  
12 Platte, Colfax, Boone, Nance, Hamilton, Polk, York, Butler, Seward,  
13 and Saunders;

14          District No. 6 shall contain the counties of Dixon, Dakota,  
15 Cedar, Burt, Thurston, Dodge, and Washington;

16          District No. 7 shall contain the counties of Knox, Cuming,  
17 Antelope, Pierce, Wayne, Madison, and Stanton;

18          District No. 8 shall contain the counties of Cherry, Keya  
19 Paha, Brown, Rock, Blaine, Loup, Custer, Boyd, Holt, Garfield,  
20 Wheeler, Valley, Greeley, Sherman, and Howard;

21          District No. 9 shall contain the counties of Buffalo and  
22 Hall;

23          District No. 10 shall contain the counties of Fillmore,  
24 Adams, Clay, Phelps, Kearney, Harlan, Franklin, Webster, and Nuckolls;

25          District No. 11 shall contain the counties of Hooker,  
26 Thomas, Arthur, McPherson, Logan, Keith, Perkins, Lincoln, Dawson,  
27 Chase, Hayes, Frontier, Gosper, Dundy, Hitchcock, Red Willow, and

1 Furnas; and

2 District No. 12 shall contain the counties of Sioux, Dawes,  
3 Box Butte, Sheridan, Scotts Bluff, Morrill, Garden, Banner, Kimball,  
4 Cheyenne, Grant, and Deuel.

5 District 4 shall have ~~twelve~~ fourteen county judges.  
6 District 3 shall have seven county judges. Districts ~~3,~~ ~~5,~~ and  
7 12 shall have six county judges. District 11 shall have five county  
8 judges. Districts 2, 6, and 9 shall have four county judges. Districts  
9 1, 7, 8, and 10 shall have three county judges.

10 Judge of the county court shall include any person appointed  
11 to the office of county judge or municipal judge prior to July 1,  
12 1985, pursuant to Article V, section 21, of the Constitution of  
13 Nebraska.

14 Any person serving as a municipal judge in district 3 or 4  
15 immediately prior to July 1, 1985, shall be a judge of the county  
16 court and shall be empowered to hear only those cases as provided in  
17 section 24-517 which the presiding judge of the county court for such  
18 district, with the concurrence of the Supreme Court, shall direct.

19 Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2007.

20 Sec. 3. Original section 24-503, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
21 Supplement, 2006, is repealed.

22 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect  
23 when passed and approved according to law.