

# NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT

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The Honorable Pete Ricketts  
Governor of the State of Nebraska  
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Senator Jim Scheer  
Speaker of the Nebraska State Legislature  
State Capitol Bldg., Rm. 2103  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Members of the Nebraska Supreme Court  
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Re: Report of Judicial Resources Commission annual public hearing

Dear Governor Ricketts, Speaker Scheer, and Members of the Court:

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 24-1205 (Reissue 2016), the Judicial Resources Commission held its annual public hearing on December 4, 2017, to determine (1) whether any new judgeship is appropriate in any judicial district or a reduction of judgeships is appropriate in any judicial district, (2) whether the judicial district boundaries or the number of judicial districts should be changed for the district or county courts, and (3) to examine the current caseload statistics and make any appropriate recommendations for the more balanced use of existing judicial resources. Advance notice of the time, place, and agenda for the annual public hearing was publicized on November 9, 2017. This letter will serve as the Commission's report of the annual public hearing.

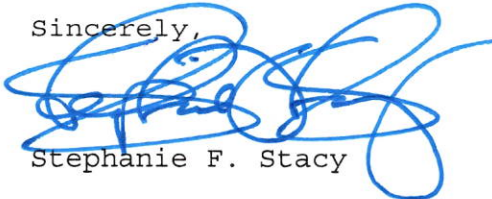
The Commission examined the current caseload and judicial workload statistics for the district, county, and separate juvenile courts. The Commission also requested, and the State Court Administrator's office provided, supplemental information on caseload trends, population trends, and judicial workload trends. The Commission heard reports from a variety of judges concerning the allocation of judicial resources and access to the courts, and considered the testimony of various attorneys, representatives of state and local bar associations, and members of the public.

After considering this information the Judicial Resources Commission voted unanimously to recommend:

- 1) The judicial district boundaries of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> judicial districts be changed *for the district court only* by moving Otoe County from the 2<sup>nd</sup> into the 1<sup>st</sup> judicial district, and by moving Clay and Nuckolls counties from the 1<sup>st</sup> into the 10<sup>th</sup> judicial district.
- 2) The creation of a new district court judgeship position in the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

The Commission made no other recommendations with regard to judgeships, judicial districts, or existing judicial resources.

Sincerely,



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Terri A. Brown, Clerk, Nebraska Supreme Court