

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 1541**

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**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act adds new circuit court judges. Two of the judges start on July 1, 2024, and one judge starts on July 1, 2025. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.7).

Creates new circuit court judge positions in certain judicial districts.  
Takes effect July 1, 2024.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to judicial positions; creating new provisions; amending ORS 3.012; and prescribing an ef-  
3 fective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 3.012 is amended to read:

6 3.012. (1) The judicial districts, the counties constituting the judicial districts and the number  
7 of circuit court judges for each judicial district are as follows:

8 (a) The first judicial district consists of Jackson County and has [10] 11 judges.

9 (b) The second judicial district consists of Lane County and has 15 judges.

10 (c) The third judicial district consists of Marion County and has 15 judges.

11 (d) The fourth judicial district consists of Multnomah County and has 38 judges.

12 (e) The fifth judicial district consists of Clackamas County and has 11 judges.

13 (f) The sixth judicial district consists of the counties of Morrow and Umatilla and has five  
14 judges.

15 (g) The seventh judicial district consists of the counties of Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco  
16 and Wheeler and has four judges.

17 (h) The eighth judicial district consists of Baker County and has one judge.

18 (i) The ninth judicial district consists of Malheur County and has two judges.

19 (j) The tenth judicial district consists of the counties of Union and Wallowa and has two judges.

20 (k) The eleventh judicial district consists of Deschutes County and has nine judges.

21 (L) The twelfth judicial district consists of Polk County and has three judges.

22 (m) The thirteenth judicial district consists of Klamath County and has five judges.

23 (n) The fourteenth judicial district consists of Josephine County and has five judges.

24 (o) The fifteenth judicial district consists of the counties of Coos and Curry and has six judges.

25 (p) The sixteenth judicial district consists of Douglas County and has five judges.

26 (q) The seventeenth judicial district consists of Lincoln County and has three judges.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- 1 (r) The eighteenth judicial district consists of Clatsop County and has three judges.  
2 (s) The nineteenth judicial district consists of Columbia County and has three judges.  
3 (t) The twentieth judicial district consists of Washington County and has [15] 16 judges.  
4 (u) The twenty-first judicial district consists of Benton County and has three judges.  
5 (v) The twenty-second judicial district consists of the counties of Crook and Jefferson and has  
6 three judges.  
7 (w) The twenty-third judicial district consists of Linn County and has five judges.  
8 (x) The twenty-fourth judicial district consists of the counties of Grant and Harney and has one  
9 judge.  
10 (y) The twenty-fifth judicial district consists of Yamhill County and has four judges.  
11 (z) The twenty-sixth judicial district consists of Lake County and has one judge.  
12 (aa) The twenty-seventh judicial district consists of Tillamook County and has two judges.  
13 (2) The Secretary of State shall designate position numbers equal to the number of judges in  
14 each of the judicial districts established by this section. The positions shall reflect any qualifications  
15 established by ORS 3.041.  
16 **SECTION 2.** ORS 3.012, as amended by section 1 of this 2024 Act, is amended to read:  
17 3.012. (1) The judicial districts, the counties constituting the judicial districts and the number  
18 of circuit court judges for each judicial district are as follows:  
19 (a) The first judicial district consists of Jackson County and has 11 judges.  
20 (b) The second judicial district consists of Lane County and has 15 judges.  
21 (c) The third judicial district consists of Marion County and has 15 judges.  
22 (d) The fourth judicial district consists of Multnomah County and has 38 judges.  
23 (e) The fifth judicial district consists of Clackamas County and has [11] 12 judges.  
24 (f) The sixth judicial district consists of the counties of Morrow and Umatilla and has five  
25 judges.  
26 (g) The seventh judicial district consists of the counties of Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco  
27 and Wheeler and has four judges.  
28 (h) The eighth judicial district consists of Baker County and has one judge.  
29 (i) The ninth judicial district consists of Malheur County and has two judges.  
30 (j) The tenth judicial district consists of the counties of Union and Wallowa and has two judges.  
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33 (m) The thirteenth judicial district consists of Klamath County and has five judges.  
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35 (o) The fifteenth judicial district consists of the counties of Coos and Curry and has six judges.  
36 (p) The sixteenth judicial district consists of Douglas County and has five judges.  
37 (q) The seventeenth judicial district consists of Lincoln County and has three judges.  
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39 (s) The nineteenth judicial district consists of Columbia County and has three judges.  
40 (t) The twentieth judicial district consists of Washington County and has 16 judges.  
41 (u) The twenty-first judicial district consists of Benton County and has three judges.  
42 (v) The twenty-second judicial district consists of the counties of Crook and Jefferson and has  
43 three judges.  
44 (w) The twenty-third judicial district consists of Linn County and has five judges.  
45 (x) The twenty-fourth judicial district consists of the counties of Grant and Harney and has one

1 judge.

2 (y) The twenty-fifth judicial district consists of Yamhill County and has four judges.

3 (z) The twenty-sixth judicial district consists of Lake County and has one judge.

4 (aa) The twenty-seventh judicial district consists of Tillamook County and has two judges.

5 (2) The Secretary of State shall designate position numbers equal to the number of judges in  
6 each of the judicial districts established by this section. The positions shall reflect any qualifications  
7 established by ORS 3.041.

8 **SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 3.012 by section 2 of this 2024 Act become operative**  
9 **on July 1, 2025.**

10 **SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the General Fund appropriation**  
11 **made to the Judicial Department by section 1 (1), chapter 380, Oregon Laws 2023, for the**  
12 **biennium ending June 30, 2025, for judicial compensation, is increased by \$579,865, for the**  
13 **purpose of carrying out the amendments to ORS 3.012 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2024 Act.**

14 **SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the General Fund appropriation**  
15 **made to the Judicial Department by section 1 (2), chapter 380, Oregon Laws 2023, for the**  
16 **biennium ending June 30, 2025, for operations, is increased by \$1,331,184, for the purpose of**  
17 **carrying out the amendments to ORS 3.012 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2024 Act.**

18 **SECTION 6. This 2024 Act takes effect on July 1, 2024.**

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