### 602.6301 Number and apportionment of district associate judges.

There shall be one district associate judge in counties having a population of more than thirty-five thousand and less than eighty thousand; two in counties having a population of eighty thousand or more and less than one hundred twenty-five thousand; three in counties having a population of one hundred twenty-five thousand or more and less than two hundred thousand; four in counties having a population of two hundred thousand or more and less than two hundred thirty-five thousand; five in counties having a population of two hundred thirty-five thousand or more and less than two hundred seventy thousand; six in counties having a population of two hundred seventy thousand or more and less than three hundred five thousand; and seven in counties having a population of three hundred five thousand or more. However, a county shall not lose a district associate judgeship solely because of a reduction in the county's population. If the formula provided in this section results in the allocation of an additional district associate judgeship to a county, implementation of the allocation shall be subject to prior approval of the supreme court and availability of funds to the judicial branch. A district associate judge appointed pursuant to section 602.6302 shall not be counted for purposes of this section.

83 Acts, ch 186, § 7301, 10201; 94 Acts, ch 1127, §2; 96 Acts, ch 1068, § 1; 98 Acts, ch 1047, §58; 98 Acts, ch $1115, \S 12 ; 2003$ Acts, ch $151, \S 40$

