

## CHAPTER 1233

## JUDGES IN ELECTION DISTRICTS

## S. F. 136

AN ACT relating to the number of judgeships in judicial election districts.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Section six hundred two point eighteen (602.18), subsection two  
2 (2), Code 1975, is amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof  
3 the following:

4 2. The number of judgeships to which each of the judicial election districts shall  
5 be entitled shall be determined from time to time according to the following  
6 formula:

7 a. In an election district wherein the largest county contains two hundred  
8 thousand or more population, there shall be one judgeship per seven hundred  
9 twenty-five combined civil and criminal filings or major fraction thereof;  
10 provided, the seat of government shall be entitled to one additional judgeship.

11 b. In an election district wherein the largest county contains eighty-five  
12 thousand or more population, but less than two hundred thousand, there shall be  
13 one judgeship per six hundred twenty-five combined civil and criminal filings or  
14 major fraction thereof.

15 c. In an election district wherein the largest county contains forty-five thousand  
16 or more population, but less than eighty-five thousand, there shall be one  
17 judgeship per five hundred twenty-five combined civil and criminal filings or  
18 major fraction thereof.

19 d. In an election district wherein the largest county contains less than forty-five  
20 thousand population, there shall be one judgeship per four hundred seventy-five  
21 combined civil and criminal filings or major fraction thereof.

22 e. Notwithstanding paragraphs a, b, c, or d of this subsection, each election  
23 district shall be entitled to not less than one judgeship for each forty thousand  
24 population or major fraction thereof contained in the election district. The court  
25 administrator shall determine both the number of judgeships for each election  
26 district based upon this paragraph, and the number of judgeships for each  
27 election district based upon paragraph a, b, c, or d of this subsection. If the  
28 number for any election district determined under this paragraph exceeds the  
29 number determined under paragraph a, b, c, or d, that election district shall be  
30 entitled to the number of judgeships determined under this paragraph.

31 f. The filings included in the determinations to be made under this subsection  
32 shall not include small claims or nonindictable misdemeanors filed after June 30,  
33 1973, nor shall they include either civil actions for money judgment where the  
34 amount in controversy does not exceed three thousand dollars or indictable  
35 misdemeanors, which were assigned to district associate judges and judicial  
36 magistrates as shown on their administrative reports, but they shall include  
37 appeals from decisions of judicial magistrates, district associate judges, and  
38 district judges sitting as judicial magistrates. The figures on filings shall be the  
39 average for the latest available previous three-year period and when current  
40 census figures on population are not available, figures shall be taken from the  
41 state department of health computations.

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