

602.6401 Number and apportionment.

1. Two hundred six magistrates shall be apportioned among the counties as provided in this section. Magistrates appointed pursuant to section 602.6402 shall not be counted for purposes of this section.

2. By February of each year in which magistrates' terms expire, the state court administrator shall apportion magistrate offices among the counties in accordance with the following criteria:

a. The number and type of proceedings contained in the administrative reports required by section 602.6606.

b. The existence of either permanent, temporary, or seasonal populations not included in the current census figures.

c. The geographical area to be served.

d. Any inordinate number of cases over which magistrates have jurisdiction that were pending at the end of the preceding year.

e. The number and types of juvenile proceedings handled by district associate judges.

3. Notwithstanding subsection 2, each county shall be allotted at least one resident magistrate.

4. By March of each year in which magistrates' terms expire, the state court administrator shall give notice to the clerks of the district court and to the chief judges of the judicial districts of the number of magistrates to which each county is entitled.

83 Acts, ch 186, § 7401, 10201; 2000 Acts, ch 1057, §10, 11; 2005 Acts, ch 171, §3