



1 twenty-six family court circuits with the family court judges  
2 allocated as follows:

3       (1) The counties of Brooke, Hancock and Ohio constitute the  
4 first family court circuit and have two family court judges;

5       (2) The counties of Marshall, Wetzel and Tyler constitute the  
6 second family court circuit and have one family court judge;

7       (3) The counties of Pleasants, Ritchie, Wood and Wirt  
8 constitute the third family court circuit and have two family court  
9 judges;

10       (4) The counties of Doddridge, Roane, Calhoun and Gilmer  
11 constitute the fourth family court circuit and have one family  
12 court judge;

13       (5) The counties of Mason and Jackson constitute the fifth  
14 family court circuit and have one family court judge;

15       (6) The county of Cabell constitutes the sixth family court  
16 circuit and has two family court judges;

17       (7) The county of Wayne constitutes the seventh family court  
18 circuit and has one family court judge;

19       (8) The county of Mingo constitutes the eighth family court  
20 circuit and has one family court judge;

21       (9) The county of Logan constitutes the ninth family court  
22 circuit and has one family court judge;

23       (10) The counties of Lincoln and Boone constitute the tenth  
24 family court circuit and have one family court judge;

1           (11) The county of Kanawha constitutes the eleventh family  
2 court circuit and has four family court judges;

3           (12) The counties of McDowell and Mercer constitute the  
4 twelfth family court circuit and have two family court judges;

5           (13) The counties of Raleigh and Wyoming constitute the  
6 thirteenth family court circuit and have two family court judges;

7           (14) The counties of Fayette and Summers constitute the  
8 fourteenth family court circuit and have one family court judge;

9           (15) The counties of Greenbrier and Monroe constitute the  
10 fifteenth family court circuit and have one family court judge;

11           (16) The counties of Clay, Nicholas and Webster constitute the  
12 sixteenth family court circuit and have one family court judge;

13           (17) The counties of Braxton, Lewis and Upshur constitute the  
14 seventeenth family court circuit and have one family court judge;

15           (18) The county of Harrison constitutes the eighteenth family  
16 court circuit and has one family court judge;

17           (19) The county of Marion constitutes the nineteenth family  
18 court circuit and has one family court judge;

19           (20) The county of Monongalia constitutes the twentieth family  
20 court circuit and has one family court judge;

21           (21) The counties of Barbour, Preston and Taylor constitute  
22 the twenty-first family court circuit and have one family court  
23 judge;

24           (22) The counties of Grant, Tucker and Randolph constitute the

1 twenty-second family court circuit and have one family court judge;

2 (23) The counties of Mineral, Hampshire and Morgan constitute  
3 the twenty-third family court circuit and have one family court  
4 judge;

5 (24) The counties of Berkeley and Jefferson constitute the  
6 twenty-fourth family court circuit and have two family court  
7 judges;

8 (25) The counties of Hardy, Pendleton and Pocahontas  
9 constitute the twenty-fifth family court circuit and have one  
10 family court judge; and

11 (26) The county of Putnam constitutes the twenty-sixth family  
12 court circuit and has one family court judge.

13 (c) Beginning on January 1, 2009, the family court circuits  
14 shall be realigned and adjusted to add an additional ten family  
15 court judges, and that beginning on July 1, 2013, the family court  
16 circuits shall be realigned and adjusted to add one additional  
17 family court judge, so that a total of ~~forty-five~~ forty-six family  
18 court judges shall serve throughout the state, allocated among a  
19 total of twenty-seven family court circuits as follows:

20 (1) The counties of Brooke, Hancock and Ohio shall constitute  
21 the first family court circuit and have two family court judges;

22 (2) The counties of Marshall, Wetzel and Tyler shall  
23 constitute the second family court circuit and have one family  
24 court judge;

1           (3) The counties of Pleasants and Wood shall constitute the  
2 third family court circuit and have two family court judges;

3           (4) The counties of Roane, Calhoun, Gilmer and Ritchie shall  
4 constitute the fourth family court circuit and have one family  
5 court judge;

6           (5) The counties of Mason, Jackson and Wirt shall constitute  
7 the fifth family court circuit and have two family court judges;

8           (6) The county of Cabell shall constitute the sixth family  
9 court circuit and have two family court judges;

10          (7) The county of Wayne shall constitute the seventh family  
11 court circuit and have one family court judge;

12          (8) The county of Mingo shall constitute the eighth family  
13 court circuit and have one family court judge;

14          (9) The county of Logan shall constitute the ninth family  
15 court circuit and have two family court judges;

16          (10) The counties of Lincoln and Boone shall constitute the  
17 tenth family court circuit and have two family court judges;

18          (11) The county of Kanawha shall constitute the eleventh  
19 family court circuit and have five family court judges;

20          (12) The counties of McDowell and Mercer shall constitute the  
21 twelfth family court circuit and have three family court judges;

22          (13) The counties of Raleigh, Summers and Wyoming shall  
23 constitute the thirteenth family court circuit and have three  
24 family court judges;

1           (14) The county of Fayette shall constitute the fourteenth  
2 family court circuit and have one family court judge;

3           (15) The counties of Greenbrier and Monroe shall constitute  
4 the fifteenth family court circuit and have one family court judge;

5           (16) The counties of Clay and Nicholas shall constitute the  
6 sixteenth family court circuit and have one family court judge;

7           (17) The counties of Braxton, Lewis and Upshur shall  
8 constitute the seventeenth family court circuit and have one family  
9 court judge;

10          (18) The counties of Harrison and Doddridge shall constitute  
11 the eighteenth family court circuit and have two family court  
12 judges;

13          (19) The county of Marion shall constitute the nineteenth  
14 family court circuit and have one family court judge;

15          (20) The counties of Monongalia and Preston shall constitute  
16 the twentieth family court circuit and have two family court  
17 judges;

18          (21) The counties of Barbour and Taylor shall constitute the  
19 twenty-first family court circuit and have one family court judge;

20          (22) The counties of Tucker and Randolph shall constitute the  
21 twenty-second family court circuit and have one family court judge;

22          (23) The counties of Mineral, Hampshire and Morgan shall  
23 constitute the twenty-third family court circuit and have one  
24 family court judge: Provided, That beginning July 1, 2013, the

1 twenty-third circuit shall have two family court judges;

2       (24) The counties of Berkeley and Jefferson shall constitute  
3 the twenty-fourth family court circuit and have three family court  
4 judges;

5       (25) The counties of Hardy, Pendleton and Grant shall  
6 constitute the twenty-fifth family court circuit and have one  
7 family court judge;

8       (26) The county of Putnam shall constitute the twenty-sixth  
9 family court circuit and have one family court judge; and

10       (27) The counties of Webster and Pocahontas shall constitute  
11 the twenty-seventh family court circuit and have one family court  
12 judge.

13       (d) The Legislature has the authority and may determine to  
14 realign the family court circuits and has the authority and may  
15 determine to increase or decrease the number of family court judges  
16 within a family court circuit, from time to time. Any person  
17 appointed or elected to the office of family court judge  
18 acknowledges the authority of the Legislature to realign family  
19 court circuits and the authority of the Legislature to increase or  
20 decrease the number of family court judges within a family court  
21 circuit.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to add one family court judge to the twenty-third family court circuit, comprising the counties of Mineral, Hampshire and Morgan.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.