

**SENATE BILL NO. 2075**

Introduced by

Judiciary Committee

(At the request of the Supreme Court)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the judicial branch of  
2 state government relating to the establishment of three additional district court judgeships.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general  
5 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,690,950, or so much of the  
6 sum as may be necessary, to the judicial branch for the purpose of establishing three additional  
7 district court judgeships as provided in section 2 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1,  
8 2013, and ending June 30, 2015. The judicial branch is authorized six full-time equivalent  
9 positions for purposes of implementing this Act.

10 **SECTION 2. DISTRICT JUDGES.** The appropriation provided in section 1 of this Act  
11 provides for two additional district court judges in the northwest judicial district and one  
12 additional district court judge in the east central judicial district to be assigned pursuant to  
13 section 10 of article VI of the Constitution of North Dakota, and to be assigned to chambers by  
14 the supreme court. Within thirty days after the effective date of this Act, the judgeship vacancies  
15 created by this section must be filled in accordance with section 13 of article VI of the  
16 Constitution of North Dakota. In accordance with sections 9 and 13 of article VI of the  
17 Constitution of North Dakota, each judge appointed to fill a vacancy created by this section  
18 continues in the office until the next general election immediately following two years of service  
19 after the appointment. The individual then elected holds office for the remainder of the term and  
20 until a successor is elected and duly qualified.