

Judicial District Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill modifies the judicial districts for the district and juvenile courts.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- modifies the judicial districts for the district and juvenile courts from eight judicial districts to four judicial districts;
- creates subdistricts within the judicial districts for administrative purposes; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

78A-1-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 148

78A-1-104, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 148

REPEALS AND REENACTS:

78A-1-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 394

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **78A-1-102** is repealed and reenacted to read:

78A-1-102 . Trial courts of record -- Geographical divisions -- Subdistricts.

(1) Before July 1, 2026, the district and juvenile courts are divided into the following eight geographical divisions:

(a) First Judicial District, which includes Box Elder County, Cache County, and Rich County;

(b) Second Judicial District, which includes Weber County, Davis County, and Morgan

- 31 County;
- 32 (c) Third Judicial District, which includes Salt Lake County, Summit County, and
- 33 Tooele County;
- 34 (d) Fourth Judicial District, which includes Utah County, Wasatch County, Juab County,
- 35 and Millard County;
- 36 (e) Fifth Judicial District, which includes Beaver County, Iron County, and Washington
- 37 County;
- 38 (f) Sixth Judicial District, which includes Garfield County, Kane County, Piute County,
- 39 Sanpete County, Sevier County, and Wayne County;
- 40 (g) Seventh Judicial District, which includes Carbon County, Emery County, Grand
- 41 County, and San Juan County; and
- 42 (h) Eighth Judicial District, which includes Daggett County, Duchesne County, and
- 43 Uintah County.
- 44 (2) On and after July 1, 2026, the district and juvenile courts are divided into the following
- 45 four geographical districts:
- 46 (a) Northern Judicial District, which includes Box Elder County, Cache County, Rich
- 47 County, Weber County, Davis County, Morgan County, Salt Lake County, Summit
- 48 County, and Tooele County;
- 49 (b) Western Judicial District, which includes Utah County, Wasatch County, Juab
- 50 County, and Millard County;
- 51 (c) Southern Judicial District, which includes Beaver County, Iron County, Washington
- 52 County, Garfield County, Kane County, Piute County, Sanpete County, Sevier
- 53 County, and Wayne County; and
- 54 (d) Eastern Judicial District, which includes Carbon County, Emery County, Grand
- 55 County, San Juan County, Daggett County, Duchesne County, and Uintah County.
- 56 (3)(a) The First Judicial District, the Second Judicial District, and the Third Judicial
- 57 District as they existed on June 30, 2026, are consolidated and known as the Northern
- 58 Judicial District on and after July 1, 2026.
- 59 (b) The Fourth Judicial district as it existed on June 30, 2026, is known as the Western
- 60 Judicial District on and after July 1, 2026.
- 61 (c) The Fifth Judicial District and the Sixth Judicial District as they existed on June 30,
- 62 2026, are consolidated and known as the Southern Judicial District on and after July
- 63 1, 2026.
- 64 (d) The Seventh Judicial District and the Eighth Judicial District as they existed on June

65 30, 2026, are consolidated and known as the Eastern Judicial District on and after
 66 July 1, 2026.

67 (4) On and after July 1, 2026, the judicial districts described in Subsection (2) are divided
 68 into subdistricts for administrative purposes as follows:

69 (a) First Judicial District, which includes Box Elder County, Cache County, and Rich
 70 County;

71 (b) Second Judicial District, which includes Weber County, Davis County, and Morgan
 72 County;

73 (c) Third Judicial District, which includes Salt Lake County, Summit County, and
 74 Tooele County;

75 (d) Fourth Judicial District, which includes Utah County, Wasatch County, Juab County,
 76 and Millard County;

77 (e) Fifth Judicial District, which includes Beaver County, Iron County, and Washington
 78 County;

79 (f) Sixth Judicial District, which includes Garfield County, Kane County, Piute County,
 80 Sanpete County, Sevier County, and Wayne County;

81 (g) Seventh Judicial District, which includes Carbon County, Emery County, Grand
 82 County, and San Juan County; and

83 (h) Eighth Judicial District, which includes Daggett County, Duchesne County, and
 84 Uintah County.

85 (5) A judge serving in a geographical district described in Subsection (1) on June 30, 2026,
 86 is not removed from office due to the changes in geographical divisions under
 87 Subsections (2) and (3) on July 1, 2026.

88 Section 2. Section **78A-1-103** is amended to read:

89 **78A-1-103 . Number of district court judges.**

90 (1) ~~[The]~~ Before July 1, 2026, the number of district court judges is:

91 ~~[(1)]~~ (a) four district court judges in the First Judicial District;

92 ~~[(2)]~~ (b) 14 district court judges in the Second Judicial District;

93 ~~[(3)]~~ (c) ~~[32]~~ 33 district court judges in the Third Judicial District;

94 ~~[(4)]~~ (d) ~~[13]~~ 14 district court judges in the Fourth Judicial District;

95 ~~[(5)]~~ (e) ~~[seven]~~ eight district court judges in the Fifth Judicial District;

96 ~~[(6)]~~ (f) two district court judges in the Sixth Judicial District;

97 ~~[(7)]~~ (g) three district court judges in the Seventh Judicial District; and

98 ~~[(8)]~~ (h) three district court judges in the Eighth Judicial District.

99 (2) On and after July 1, 2026, the number of district court judges is:

100 (a) 51 district court judges in the Northern Judicial District;

101 (b) 14 district court judges in the Western Judicial District;

102 (c) 10 district court judges in the Southern Judicial District; and

103 (d) six district court judges in the Eastern Judicial District.

104 Section 3. Section **78A-1-104** is amended to read:

105 **78A-1-104 . Number of juvenile court judges.**

106 (1) [~~The~~] Before July 1, 2026, the number of juvenile court judges is:

107 [~~(1)~~] (a) two juvenile court judges in the First Judicial District;

108 [~~(2)~~] (b) six juvenile court judges in the Second Judicial District;

109 [~~(3)~~] (c) nine juvenile court judges in the Third Judicial District;

110 [~~(4)~~] (d) seven juvenile court judges in the Fourth Judicial District;

111 [~~(5)~~] (e) three juvenile court judges in the Fifth Judicial District;

112 [~~(6)~~] (f) two juvenile court judges in the Sixth Judicial District;

113 [~~(7)~~] (g) two juvenile court judges in the Seventh Judicial District; and

114 [~~(8)~~] (h) two juvenile court judges in the Eighth Judicial District.

115 (2) On and after July 1, 2026, the number of juvenile court judges is:

116 (a) 17 juvenile court judges in the Northern Judicial District;

117 (b) seven juvenile court judges in the Western Judicial District;

118 (c) five juvenile court judges in the Southern Judicial District; and

119 (d) four juvenile court judges in the Eastern Judicial District.

120 Section 4. **Effective Date.**

121 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.