

**JOINT RESOLUTION DISSOLVING NEWTON, AMALGA,  
AND LEWISTON JUSTICE COURTS**

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Lyle W. Hillyard**

House Sponsor: Val K. Potter

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution approves the dissolution of the Newton/Amalga and Lewiston Town Justice Courts.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ approves the dissolution of the Newton/Amalga and Lewiston Town Justice Courts.

**Special Clauses:**

This resolution provides an effective date.

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

WHEREAS, the town of Lewiston has had a justice court for many years;

WHEREAS, the towns of Newton and Amalga have had a combined justice court for many years;

WHEREAS, the towns of Newton, Amalga, and Lewiston have determined that it is no longer feasible for the towns to operate justice courts;

WHEREAS, with the dissolution of the Newton/Amalga and Lewiston Town Justice Courts, the caseloads from the two courts will fall upon the First District Court in Cache County;

WHEREAS, the respective town councils of Newton, Amalga, and Lewiston have



28 given notice to the Utah Judicial Council of their intent to dissolve their justice courts;

29 WHEREAS, the Utah Judicial Council has approved the dissolutions, contingent on  
30 legislative approval, and with the understanding that the two dissolutions would take effect on  
31 April 1, 2018; and

32 WHEREAS, Section [78A-7-123](#) of the Utah Code Annotated requires the Legislature to  
33 approve by joint resolution the dissolution of justice courts:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
35 approves the dissolution of the Newton/Amalga and Lewiston Town Justice Courts effective  
36 April 1, 2018.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah  
38 Judicial Council and the towns of Newton, Amalga, and Lewiston.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution takes effect upon approval by a  
40 constitutional majority vote of all members of the House of Representatives and Senate.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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