

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; and
3 to declare an emergency.

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

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

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

22 **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.