

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. _____
SERIES OF 2019

COUNCIL BILL NO. 19-1116
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Finance and Governance

A BILL

For an ordinance increasing the number of county judges from seventeen to eighteen.

WHEREAS, for the past thirty-three years, the Denver County Court has experienced a significant increase in caseload, however the number of county court judges has remained at seventeen since 1986;

WHEREAS, in the 2018 and 2019 legislative sessions, the Colorado Legislature passed two bills that will result in a substantial increase in the caseload of the Denver County Court, specifically Senate Bill 18-056 increases the civil threshold from \$15,000 to \$25,000 and House Bill 19-1263 which changes the felony classification of some drug possessions to misdemeanors and will result in Denver County Court inheriting 3,000 cases;

WHEREAS, as a result of the significant increase in caseload of the Denver County Court, the Court is seeking one additional judicial position in the 2020 budget cycle and one additional judicial position in the 2021 budget cycle;

WHEREAS, Denver County Court has proposed the amendment to reflect the newly created 2020 position.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That section 14-2(a), D.R.M.C. shall be amended by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

Sec. 14-2(a) The county court shall be presided over by ~~seventeen (17)~~ eighteen (18) county judges.

1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: October 22, 2019

2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: October 29, 2019

3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ December 2, 2019

4 _____ - PRESIDENT

5 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____

6 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
7 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
8 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
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10 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL _____;

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12 PREPARED BY: Kirsten J. Crawford, Assistant City Attorney; DATE: November 19, 2019

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14 Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the
15 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form and have no legal objection to the proposed
16 ordinance. The proposed ordinance **is not** submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §
17 3.2.6 of the Charter.
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19 Kristin M. Bronson, City Attorney

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21 BY: Kirsten J. Crawford, Assistant City Attorney DATE: Nov 22, 2019

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