



Legislation Text

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**Date Submitted:** 10-14-19

**Requesting Agency:** County Court  
**Division:**

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**Item Title & Description:**

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**A bill for an ordinance increasing the number of county judges from seventeen to eighteen.**

Amends Section 14-2(a) of the Denver Revised Municipal Code (DRMC) to increase the number of County Judges from seventeen to eighteen. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 10-22-19. This item was approved for late filing by Council President Clark.

**Affected Council District(s) or citywide?**

**Executive Summary with Rationale and Impact:**

*Detailed description of the item and why we are doing it. This can be a separate attachment.*

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. 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. 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. Denver County Court

has proposed the amendment to reflect the new created 2020 position.

**Address/Location (if applicable):**

**Legal Description (if applicable):**

**Denver Revised Municipal Code (D.R.M.C.) Citation (if applicable):**

**Draft Bill Attached?**