



2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 470

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 753.0605 of the statutes; **relating to:** adding 12 circuit court
2 branches to be allocated by the director of state courts.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 753.0605 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **753.0605 Additional circuit court branches.** Notwithstanding s. 753.06,
5 the director of state courts may add additional circuit court branches as follows:
6 (1) By November 14, 2020, the director of state courts may add 4 additional
7 circuit court branches, to begin operation on August 1, 2021. The director of state
8 courts may allocate each branch to any county that the director of state courts
9 determines is in need of an additional circuit court branch if the county has passed
10 a resolution requesting an additional circuit court branch and the county has

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1 established, or will have established by May 31, 2021, the appropriate infrastructure
2 to support an additional circuit court branch. The director of state courts may
3 require any county, as a condition for receiving a circuit court branch allocation
4 under this subsection, to have established or to apply for a grant under s. 165.95 or
5 165.955 to establish a drug court.

6 (2) After November 14, 2020, and before November 14, 2021, the director of
7 state courts may add 4 additional circuit court branches, to begin operation on
8 August 1, 2022. The director of state courts may allocate each branch to any county
9 that the director of state courts determines is in need of an additional circuit court
10 branch if the county has passed a resolution requesting an additional circuit court
11 branch and the county has established, or will have established by May 31, 2022, the
12 appropriate infrastructure to support an additional circuit court branch. The
13 director of state courts may require any county, as a condition for receiving a circuit
14 court branch allocation under this subsection, to have established or to apply for a
15 grant under s. 165.95 or 165.955 to establish a drug court.

16 (3) After November 14, 2021, and before November 14, 2022, the director of
17 state courts may add 4 additional circuit court branches, to begin operation on
18 August 1, 2023. The director of state courts may allocate each branch to any county
19 that the director of state courts determines is in need of an additional circuit court
20 branch if the county has passed a resolution requesting an additional circuit court
21 branch and the county has established, or will have established by May 31, 2023, the
22 appropriate infrastructure to support an additional circuit court branch. The
23 director of state courts may require any county, as a condition for receiving a circuit
24 court branch allocation under this subsection, to have established or to apply for a
25 grant under s. 165.95 or 165.955 to establish a drug court.

ASSEMBLY BILL 470**1 SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.**

2 (1) ELECTION FOR CIRCUIT COURT JUDGESHIPS. The initial election for circuit judge
3 positions created under s. 753.0605 (1) shall be at the spring election of 2021 for a
4 term beginning on August 1, 2021, and ending on July 31, 2027. The initial election
5 for circuit judge positions created under s. 753.0605 (2) shall be at the spring election
6 of 2022 for a term beginning on August 1, 2022, and ending on July 31, 2028. The
7 initial election for circuit judge positions created under s. 753.0605 (3) shall be at the
8 spring election of 2023 for a term beginning on August 1, 2023, and ending on July
9 31, 2029.

10 (3) 2021-23 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST. The 2021-23 biennial budget request to
11 the department of administration from the director of state courts for the court
12 system shall include all of the following:

13 (a) Funding for 8 circuit court judge positions for the circuit court branches
14 created under s. 753.0605 (1) and (2).

15 (b) Funding for 8 circuit court reporter positions for the circuit court branches
16 created under s. 753.0605 (1) and (2).

17 (4) 2023-25 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST. The 2023-25 biennial budget request to
18 the department of administration from the director of state courts for the court
19 system shall include all of the following:

20 (a) Funding for 4 circuit court judge positions for the circuit court branches
21 created under s. 753.0605 (3).

22 (b) Funding for 4 circuit court reporter positions for the circuit court branches
23 created under s. 753.0605 (3).

