



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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SWB:cde

DOA:.....Schmidt, BB0501 - Judicial Branches in 2019 Act 184

**FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**AN ACT ...; relating to:** the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**COURTS AND PROCEDURE**

**CIRCUIT COURTS**

***Statutory addition of circuit court branches designated to begin operation in 2021***

This bill adds the four new circuit court branches to the statutory list of judicial circuit branches, as authorized by law to be added by the Director of State Courts and designated to begin operation in 2021.

Under current law, the statutes contain a list dividing, by administrative district and judicial circuit, how many branches each circuit has. [2019 Wisconsin Act 184](#) authorized the Director of State Courts to add four additional circuit court branches, by November 14, 2020, to begin operation on August 1, 2021. [2019 Wisconsin Act 184](#) further authorized the Director of State Courts to allocate each new branch to any county the Director of State Court's determined to be in need of an additional circuit court branch if the county passed a resolution requesting an additional circuit court branch and established, or will have established by May 31, 2021, the appropriate infrastructure to support an additional circuit court branch. [2019 Wisconsin Act 184](#) further authorized the Director of State Courts to require any county, as a condition for receiving a circuit court branch allocation, to have established or to apply for a grant to establish a drug court. In March 2020, the

Director of State Courts allocated new circuit court branches to Calumet, Dunn, Jackson, and Marathon counties. This bill updates the list of circuit court branches to reflect the additional four circuit court branches allocated by the Director of State Courts and authorized to begin operation on August 1, 2021.

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

**SECTION 1.** 753.06 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

753.06 (4) (a) Calumet County. The circuit has ~~one branch~~ 2 branches.

**SECTION 2.** 753.06 (7) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

753.06 (7) (e) Jackson County. The circuit has ~~one branch~~ 2 branches.

**SECTION 3.** 753.06 (9) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

753.06 (9) (g) Marathon County. The circuit has ~~5~~ 6 branches.

**SECTION 4.** 753.06 (10) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

753.06 (10) (f) Dunn County. The circuit has ~~2~~ 3 branches.

**SECTION 9107. Nonstatutory provisions; Circuit Courts.**

(1) CIRCUIT COURTS DESIGNATED TO BEGIN OPERATION IN 2021. The circuit court branches added in s. 753.06 (4) (a), (7) (e), (9) (g), and (10) (f), are the additional branches authorized to be added and allocated by the director of state courts under s. 753.0605 (1) to begin operation on August 1, 2021.

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