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ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12—COMMITTEE  
ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

MARCH 24, 2003

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Referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments

SUMMARY—Proposes to amend Nevada Constitution to provide  
for staggered elections of District Judges.  
(BDR C-212)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

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ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Proposing to amend the  
Nevada Constitution to provide for staggered elections of  
District Judges.

1       RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
2 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That Section 5 of Article 6 of the Nevada  
3 Constitution be amended to read as follows:  
4       Sec. 5. *1.* The state is hereby divided into Nine  
5 Judicial Districts of which the county of Storey shall  
6 constitute the First; The county of Ormsby the Second; the  
7 county of Lyon the Third; The county of Washoe the Fourth;  
8 The counties of Nye and Churchill the Fifth; The county of  
9 Humboldt the Sixth; The county of Lander the Seventh; The  
10 county of Douglas the Eighth; and the county of Esmeralda  
11 the Ninth. The county of Roop shall be attached to the county  
12 of Washoe for judicial purposes until otherwise provided by  
13 law. The Legislature may, however, provide by law for an  
14 alteration in the boundaries or divisions of the Districts herein  
15 prescribed, and also for increasing or diminishing the number  
16 of the Judicial Districts and Judges therein. But no such  
17 change shall take effect, except in case of a vacancy, or the  
18 expiration of the term of an incumbent of the Office. At the  
19 first general election under this Constitution there shall be  
20 elected in each of the respective Districts (except as in this



1 Section hereafter otherwise provided) One District Judge,  
2 who shall hold Office from and including the first Monday of  
3 December AD. Eighteen hundred and Sixty four and until the  
4 first Monday of January in the year Eighteen hundred and  
5 Sixty seven. After the said first election, there shall be elected  
6 at the General election which immediately precedes the  
7 expiration of the term of his predecessor, One District Judge  
8 in each of the respective Judicial Districts (except in the First  
9 District as in this Section hereinafter provided.) The District  
10 Judges shall be elected by the qualified electors of their  
11 respective districts, and shall hold office for the term of 6  
12 years (excepting those elected at said first election ~~H~~ *or an*  
13 *election held pursuant to subsection 2*) from and including  
14 the first Monday of January, next succeeding their election  
15 and qualification; Provided, that the First Judicial District  
16 shall be entitled to, and shall have Three District Judges, who  
17 shall possess co-extensive and concurrent jurisdiction, and  
18 who shall be elected at the same times, in the same manner,  
19 and shall hold office for the like terms as herein prescribed, in  
20 relation to the Judges in other Judicial Districts, any one of  
21 said Judges may preside on the empanneling [empaneling] of  
22 Grand Juries and the presentment and trial on indictments,  
23 under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by law.

24 *2. The Legislature shall provide by law for the term of*  
25 *a District Judge elected on November 1, 2008, and the*  
26 *initial term of a District Judge elected after that date, so that*  
27 *one-third of the total number of Judges, as nearly as may*  
28 *be, is elected every 2 years.*

