

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE BILL 883

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to courts; amending 20 O.S. 2021, Section 16.11, which relates to annual reports; requiring certain information included in certain report; requiring certain report to be publicly available on certain website; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2021, Section 16.11, is amended to read as follows:

Section 16.11. A. The Administrative Director of the Courts is requested to submit a report to the Legislature each year ~~commencing in January, 1970 (and in each January thereafter),~~ on the following subjects:

~~(a)~~ 1. Whether ~~or not~~ the boundaries of the district court judicial districts should be changed. If a change is recommended, the report should indicate the counties that should be included in each district-i

~~(b)~~ 2. The number of district judges and associate district judges that should be authorized for each judicial district-i

1 ~~(e)~~ 3. If the formula for the number of special judges to be
2 allowed to each judicial administrative district should be changed~~;~~;

3 ~~(d)~~ 4. The case load pending in each district court judicial
4 district. Such report shall detail:

5 a. the case load by each type of case pending in each
6 district court judicial district, and

7 b. the starting number of cases, the number of cases
8 closed during the year, and the number of cases
9 pending at the end of the year; and

10 ~~(e)~~ 5. The number of cases heard on their merits by each judge
11 of the district court during the preceding year.

12 ~~(f)~~ In making ~~the above~~ such report, ~~said~~ the Administrative
13 Director shall, along with whatever other criteria he or she uses in
14 making the report, consider the area involved in the judicial
15 district and the distances involved between the places where court
16 is held in ~~said~~ the district.

17 B. The Administrative Director shall make the report publicly
18 available on the website for the Oklahoma Supreme Court or any other
19 website used by the Administrative Director to provide publicly
20 available information.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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