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Sponsor(s): Senators McCaslin and T. Sheldon

Brief Description: Providing for election of supreme court justices from three judicial districts.

**SB 5046 - DIGEST**

Provides that, prior to January 1, 2003, the secretary of state, in cooperation with the chief justice, shall assign by lot each supreme court judicial position to be filled in November 2004 to a judicial district, and in a similar manner shall also assign by lot each judicial position to be filled in November 2006 and in November 2008 to a supreme court judicial district, so that one justice from each supreme court judicial district is elected at each biennial general election.

Declares that this act shall take effect January 1, 2004 if the proposed amendment to Article IV, section 3 of the state Constitution providing for the election of supreme court justices from judicial districts (SJR 8201) is validly submitted to and is approved and ratified by the votes at the next general election.