

YAVAPAI COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION NO. 2104

A PETITION TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA FOR APPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL JUDGE FOR AN EIGHTH DIVISION OF THE ARIZONA SUPERIOR COURT IN AND FOR YAVAPAI COUNTY

WHEREAS, §12-121 of the Arizona Revised Statutes provides that, in each county having a census enumeration greater than 30,000 inhabitants, and upon a petition by the board of supervisors of such county to the Governor and upon arrival thereof, there shall be an additional judge of the superior court for each 30,000 inhabitants, or majority fraction thereof as determined by the board of supervisors, and;

WHEREAS, the Honorable John Napper, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in and for the County of Yavapai petitioned the Board of Supervisors for creation of an eighth division of the Superior Court in and for Yavapai County, and;

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the criteria established by §12-121 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, a population of 225,000 inhabitants would be required for the addition of a judge to serve in a eighth division of the Superior Court in and for Yavapai County, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Yavapai County has determined based upon the 2020 census numbers that the population of Yavapai County is 236,209, and;

WHEREAS, based on the information provided by the Presiding Judge and otherwise, the Board of Supervisors has determined that an eighth division of the Superior Court would enhance the Court's ability to adequately address work and caseloads and would allow improved access to the courts for persons in need of the services provided by the justice system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors pursuant to Article 6, §10 and 12, of the Arizona Constitution and §12-121 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, hereby petitions the Governor of the State of Arizona to approve an additional judge to serve in an eighth division of the Superior Court in and for Yavapai County and to appoint a person to serve until the election and qualification of a successor as provided by law, said appointment to be effective as of July 1, 2023.

Approved and Adopted by the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors this 1st day of March 2023.

James Gregory, Chairman

Yavapai County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Kim Kapin, Clerk of the Board Yavapai County

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Thomas M. Stoxen, Deputy County Attorney