

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
In the Supreme Court  
I, Shirley A. Jameson-Fergel, Clerk of the Supreme Court of  
South Dakota, hereby certify that the within instrument is a true  
and correct copy of the original thereof as the same appears  
on record in my office. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand and affixed the seal of said court at Pierre, S.D. this

25 day of April, 2024

*Shirley A. Jameson-Fergel*  
Clerk of Supreme Court  
Deputy

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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*Shirley A. Jameson-Fergel*  
Clerk

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED )  
AMENDMENT OF SDCL 16-6-1 )  
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RULE 24-04

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A hearing was held on April 24, 2024, at Pierre, South  
Dakota, relating to the amendment to SDCL 16-6-1, and the Court  
having considered the proposed amendment and oral presentation  
relating thereto, now, therefore, it is

ORDERED that SDCL 16-6-1 is amended to read in its  
entirety as follows:

**SDCL 16-6-1. Number of judges in judicial circuits.**  
The number of circuit judges of each of the judicial circuits  
established by § 16-5-1.2 is as follows:

- (1) First Circuit: Six circuit judges;
- (2) Second Circuit: ~~Twelve~~ Fourteen circuit judges;
- (3) Third Circuit: Six circuit judges;
- (4) Fourth Circuit: Four circuit judges;
- (5) Fifth Circuit: Four circuit judges;
- (6) Sixth Circuit: Four circuit judges;
- (7) Seventh Circuit: Eight circuit judges.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this rule shall become  
effective immediately.

DATED at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25th day of April,  
2024.

BY THE COURT:

*Steven R. Jensen*  
Steven R. Jensen, Chief Justice

ATTEST:

*Shirley A. Jameson-Fergel*  
Clerk of the Supreme Court  
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