

# SENATE BILL No. 274

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 33-33-18.

**Synopsis:** Delaware circuit court. Establishes a sixth circuit court in Delaware County. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on courts and the judiciary.)

**Effective:** July 1, 2020.

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January 9, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 33-33-18-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 2. (a) The Delaware  
3 circuit court is a court of general jurisdiction with ~~five (5)~~ **six (6)**  
4 judges. The divisions of the court shall be known as Delaware circuit  
5 court No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, ~~and~~ No. 5, **and No. 6**. The county of  
6 Delaware constitutes the judicial district of the court and each of the  
7 court's divisions. The court shall maintain the following dockets:  
8 (1) Small claims.  
9 (2) Minor offenses and violations.  
10 (3) Criminal.  
11 (4) Juvenile.  
12 (5) Civil.  
13 (6) Probate.  
14 (b) The assignment of judges of the court to the dockets specified in  
15 subsection (a) shall be by rule of the court. However, Delaware circuit  
16 court No. 4 and Delaware circuit court No. 5 shall each have a standard  
17 small claims and misdemeanor docket.



1 SECTION 2. IC 33-33-18-2.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: **Sec. 2.1. (a) Notwithstanding section**  
4 **2 of this chapter, Delaware circuit court No. 6 is established**  
5 **January 1, 2023.**  
6 **(b) The first judge of Delaware circuit court No. 6 shall:**  
7 **(1) be elected at the November 2022 general election;**  
8 **(2) take office January 1, 2023; and**  
9 **(3) serve a term of six (6) years.**  
10 **(c) This section expires January 1, 2029.**

