Proposed Reestablishment Plan for the Magisterial District Courts of the 29th Judicial District, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania

As required pursuant to constitutional and statutory provisions, reestablishment is a process by which the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania reviews the boundaries of the magisterial districts within each judicial district, except the First Judicial District— Philadelphia County. This review is undertaken in each year following the official reporting of the decennial census figures. The review is based upon reported population figures, case types and filings, case weights, geographic positioning of the magisterial districts, and related issues.

To inform you of this process, and to offer the opportunity for public comment to the proposal, copies of the proposed plan are available for review at the Lycoming County Courthouse, 48 West Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701, in the Office of the District Court Administrator and in the Law Library. Copies are also available at each Magisterial District Court and the James V. Brown Library, 19 East Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701. Additionally, it may be viewed online at <u>https://www.lyco.org/Courts</u>.

All comments to the proposed plan must be in writing and received **no later than February 18, 2022**. Comments specific to the proposed plan will be included with the proposed plan submitted to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC). All comments must be addressed as follows:

Office of the District Court Administrator c/o Reestablishment Proposal Comments Lycoming County Courthouse 48 West Third Street Williamsport, PA 17701

Comments may also be emailed to <u>astahl@lyco.org</u> with "Reestablishment Proposal Comments" in the subject line.

Summary of Proposed Changes to the Magisterial District Courts of the 29th Judicial District, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania

The 29th Judicial District of Pennsylvania is comprised of six magisterial districts. In order to better balance the workloads within those magisterial districts, the following changes in the magisterial district boundaries are being proposed:

- 1) Effective January 1, 2023, Magisterial District 29-1-02 will include Williamsport wards 8 and 9 in addition to the wards within the district's existing boundaries—wards 1, 2, 10, 11, 12, and 13.
- Effective January 1, 2023, Magisterial District 29-1-01 will exclude Williamsport wards 8 and 9. Consequently, Magisterial District 29-1-01 will include wards 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.
- 3) Effective January 1, 2024, Magisterial District 29-3-04 will include Loyalsock Township precincts 1, 2, and 6 in addition to the municipalities within the district's existing boundaries—Armstrong Township, Cogan House Township, Duboistown Borough, Hepburn Township, Jackson Township, Lewis Township, Loyalsock Township precinct 3, Lycoming Township, McIntyre Township, McNett Township, Old Lycoming Township, and Susquehanna Township. The effective date of this realignment is delayed until January 1, 2024, because the magisterial district judge in Magisterial District 29-3-04 is assisting Magisterial District 29-3-03 during a two-year judicial vacancy (2022 and 2023).
- 4) Effective January 1, 2024, Magisterial District 29-3-02 will exclude Loyalsock Township precincts 1, 2, and 6. Consequently, Magisterial District 29-3-02 will include Cascade Township; Eldred Township; Fairfield Township; Gamble Township; Loyalsock Township precincts 4, 5, and 7; Montoursville Borough; Plunketts Creek Township; South Williamsport Borough; and Upper Fairfield Township. The effective date of this realignment is delayed until January 1, 2024, because the magisterial district judge in Magisterial District 29-3-04 is assisting Magisterial District 29-3-03 during a two-year judicial vacancy (2022 and 2023).

Magisterial Districts 29-3-01 and 29-3-03 will be reestablished with their current jurisdictional boundaries. Lycoming County is at the lower end of the caseload range when compared to other judicial districts in its class; however, Lycoming County is geographically the largest county in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. If a magisterial district were to be eliminated, the residents of Lycoming County would be denied adequate access to the courts due to the distance they would be required to travel to court.

Attached is a map of the proposed magisterial district boundaries as well as the Magisterial District Summary Worksheets that will be submitted to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC).

Judicial District Summary Worksheet – Reestablishment 2021-2022

	ial District Number:	strict Number: 29 County: Lycoming Class o		County	5			
1.	List the existing magiste 29-1-01, 29-1-02, 29-		에게 많은 것이 아니는 것이다.			#):		
Case	load Analysis							
	al and a fail				Avg fo	r Judicial Distr	ict Avg for	Class of County
2.	Average total caseload	5:			A.	3,306	В.	4,119
3.	Compare the difference	e betw	een the case	load average	Differer	nce (2A - 2B)	Ranking	Total
	of your judicial district				-	813	7th	out of 7
4.	Is your judicial district range when compared						Yes	
Prop	osed Actions							
	Are any magisterial dis If YES , list the magister					no change	c)	Yes
	29-3-01, 29-3-03						5).	
6.	29-3-01, 29-3-03 Are any magisterial dis If YES, list the magister 29-1-01, 29-1-02, 29	ial disti	oposed for re	ealignment?				Yes

8. Do you have a night court operating within the judicial district?	No
9. Do you have a central court within your judicial district?	No
10. Do you have any special programs that will entail effort by the MDJs such as truancy programs or drug, DUI, veteran, or mental health diversion programs? If YES, briefly explain the types of programs. All six MDJs conduct truancy programs within their districts.	Yes
al Checklist	
11. Was a request for public comment posted?	Yes
12. Method of posting - electronic, physical copy, or both?	Both
L3. Were media outlets notified?	Yes
14. Were public comments received?	No
15. Did you include a copy of the posting and public comments in your submission?	Yes
16. Did you complete summary worksheets for all magisterial districts?	Yes
17. Did you include your petition and all supporting documentation, if applicable?	Yes
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Verification of Submission

20. Date submitted to AOPC: 2/28/2022

21. President Judge Name: Nancy L. Butts

Signature

Judicial District Summary Worksheet – Reestablishment 2021-2022 rev. 1/10/22

Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022

Mag	gisterial District Court Number:	29-1-01	Cou	inty:	ty: Lycoming			
1.	1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign				2. Effective date: 1/1/2023			
Caseload Analysis								
		Avg for Magisterial Distri	ict A	vg for Judi	cial District	Avg for	Class of County	
3.	Average total caseloads:	A. 3,121	B.	3,	306	C.	4,119	
4.	Compare the difference between th	e caseload average	of this	Differer	nce (3A - 3B)	Ranking	Total	
	magisterial district to your judicial d	listrict caseload ave	rage.	· ·	-185	3rd	out of 6	
5.	Compare the difference between th	e caseload average	of this	Differei	nce (3A - 3C)	% Ab	ove/Below	
	magisterial district to your class of c	-			-998		-24 %	
	you are departing from caseload equ Although this district is at the low workload.		load r	ange, t	his district	has th	e highest	
Wo	rkload Analysis		a		istanial District			
7.	Average total workloads:				isterial District	Avg for	r Judicial District	
			Δ		41,236		31,135	
8.	Compare the difference between the	e average total		Differenc	e (7A - 7B)	% A	bove/Below	
	workloads of this magisterial district	to the judicial distr	ict.	10),101		32 %	
9.	If this magisterial district's average w judicial district average workload <u>a</u> district, please explain (<i>summarize y</i> unwarranted inequity among the jud	and you are propo our response from t	osing	to <u>rees</u>	tablish this	s magis	sterial	

Magisterial District Information	
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:Christian D. Frey1/2/28	12/31/52
Magisterial District Judge Name Birthdate Term Expiration Date	Mandatory Retirement Date
11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:	
605 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701	
12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?	Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?	Yes
14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?	Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments	No/Not Sure
such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES , please summarize your re	esponse below.
16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.	
Pennsylvania College of Technology, Pennsylvania State Police, Williamsport Bureau of Police	9
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.	
U.S. Route 220, I-180, U.S. Route 15	
18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.	For a list, click <u>HERE</u>
Williamsport wards 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	
19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above? If NO , please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).	No
Williamsport wards 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	
[In summary, this district (29-1-01) is transferring Williamsport wards Court 29-1-02 in an effort to equalize the workloads among the distr	
20. Additional Comments:	

Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022

Mag	gisterial District Court Number:	29-1-02	Cou	nty:	Lycoming			
1.	1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign				2. Effective date: 1/1/2023			
Caseload Analysis								
		Avg for Magisterial Distri	ict Av	g for Judi	cial District	Avg for	Class of County	
3.	Average total caseloads:	A. 2,943	В.	3,	,306	C.	4,119	
4.	Compare the difference between th	e caseload average	of this	Differer	nce (3A - 3B)	Ranking	Total	
	magisterial district to your judicial d	listrict caseload ave	rage.	-	-363	5th	out of 6	
5.	Compare the difference between th	e caseload average	of this	Differer	nce (3A - 3C)	% Ak	oove/Below	
	magisterial district to your class of c	-		-	1176		-29 %	
Wo	rkload Analysis							
_			Avg	g for Mag	isterial District	Avg fo	r Judicial District	
7.	Average total workloads:		A.		6,137	В.	31,135	
8.	Compare the difference between the	e average total			e (7A - 7B)	% A	bove/Below	
	workloads of this magisterial district	to the judicial distr	ict.	5	,002		16 %	
9.	If this magisterial district's average w judicial district average workload <u>a</u> district, please explain (<i>summarize y</i> unwarranted inequity among the jud	and you are propo our response from t	osing to	o <u>rees</u> t	tablish this	s magi	sterial	

10. Magisterial District Judge	e (MDJ) Information:		
Aaron S. Biichle Magisterial District Judge Name	Birthdate	1/4/26 Term Expiration Date	12/31/56 Mandatory Retirement Dat
11. Magisterial District Court	t Information - Physical Loca	ition:	
48 West Third Street,	Williamsport, PA 17701		
12. Is this court within the b	oundaries of the magisteria	l district?	Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence w	ithin the boundaries of the	magisterial district?	Yes
14. Are all portions of the m	agisterial district contiguous	5?	Yes
15. To the best of your know	•	•	No/Not Sure
	expansion or gas drilling tha gs for this office? If YES , ple		esponse below.
16. List any police departme	nts located within this magi	sterial district.	
Pennsylvania College of Techr	nology, Pennsylvania State Police, N	Williamsport Bureau Police	
17. List any major highways	-	ict.	
U.S. Route 220, I-180, U.S	. Route 15		
 List the <u>current</u> municipation for Realignment Orders 	-	strict (alphabetically). F	For a list, click <u>HERE</u>
Williamsport wards 1,	2, 10, 11, 12, 13		
19. Are the proposed munic If NO , please list all prop	ipalities the same as above? osed municipalities (alphab		No
Williamsport wards 1,	2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13		
	rict (29-1-02) is assuming fort to equalize the worklo	•	
0. Additional Comments	•		

Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022

Mag	gisterial District Court Number:	29-3-01	Со	unty:	Lycoming			
1.	roposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish			2. Effective date:				
Case	Caseload Analysis							
		Avg for Magisterial Distri	ct	Avg for Judi	cial District	Avg for Class of Count		
3.	Average total caseloads:	A. 3,393	В.	3	,306	C.	4,119	
4.	Compare the difference between th	e caseload average	of thi	s Differer	nce (3A - 3B)	Ranking	Total	
	magisterial district to your judicial d	listrict caseload ave	rage.		87	2nd	out of	
5.	Compare the difference between th	e caseload average	of thi	s Differe	nce (3A - 3C)	% Ab	ove/Below	
	magisterial district to your class of c	ounty caseload ave	rage.		-726		-18 %	
Woi	you are departing from caseload equ							
	-		4	Avg for Mag	isterial District	Avg for	Judicial District	
7.	Average total workloads:			A. 2	3,745	В.	31,135	
8.	Compare the difference between the	e average total	_	Differenc	e (7A - 7B)	% At	bove/Below	
	workloads of this magisterial district	to the judicial distr	ict.	-7	,390		-24 %	
9.	If this magisterial district's average w judicial district average workload <u>a</u> district, please explain (<i>summarize y</i>) unwarranted inequity among the jud Lycoming County is the largest co Public access considerations impe- increase the area of the district.	nd you are propo our response from t ges. ounty by area in the	osing <i>he pla</i> e Coi	to <u>rees</u> an) why mmonwe	tablish this this does n ealth of Pe	s magis ot resu nnsylv	iterial It in an ania.	

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ	I) Information:		
Denise L. Dieter	Distbolsto	1/2/28	12/31/43
Magisterial District Judge Name 11. Magisterial District Court Infor	Birthdate mation - Physical Loc	Term Expiration Date	Mandatory Retirement Date
216 Market Street, Jersey S	-		
12. Is this court within the bounda	ries of the magisteria	l district?	Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within t	he boundaries of the	magisterial district?	Yes
14. Are all portions of the magiste	rial district contiguou	s?	Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge		•	No/Not Sure
such as a mall, highway expan increase in the case filings for		•	sponse below.
16. List any police departments loc Pennsylvania State Police, Tiadaghtor	-	isterial district.	
17. List any major highways within		ict.	
U.S. Route 220, PA Route 287, P	-		
18. List the <u>current</u> municipalities for Realignment Orders submit	-	strict (alphabetically).	For a list, click <u>HERE</u>
Anthony Township, Bastres Shore Borough, Limestone Township, Piatt Township, Watson Township, Woodwa	Township, McHenr Pine Township, Po	y Township, Mifflin To	wnship, Nippenose
19. Are the proposed municipalitie	es the same as above	?	Yes
If NO, please list all proposed r	nunicipalities (alphat	etically).	

Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022

Magisterial District Court Number:	29-3-02	Cour	ity:	Lycoming			
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign				2. Effective date: 1/1/2024			
Caseload Analysis							
	Avg for Magisterial Distri	ct Avg	g for Judi	cial District	Avg for	Class of County	
3. Average total caseloads:	4,593	В.	3,	306	C.	4,119	
4. Compare the difference between the	ne caseload average	of this	Differen	nce (3A - 3B)	Ranking	Total	
magisterial district to your judicial	district caseload ave	rage.	1	287	1st	out of 6	
5. Compare the difference between the	ne caseload average	of this	Differer	nce (3A - 3C)	% Ak	oove/Below	
magisterial district to your class of o	-			474		12 %	
Workload Analysis							
7. Average total workloads:		Avg	for Mag	isterial District	Avg fo	r Judicial District	
7. Average total workloads.		A.	3	9,763	В.	31,135	
8. Compare the difference between the	e average total		Difference	e (7A - 7B)	% A	bove/Below	
workloads of this magisterial distric	t to the judicial distr	ict.	8	,628		28 %	
9. If this magisterial district's average i judicial district average workload district, please explain (<i>summarize</i>) unwarranted inequity among the jud	and you are propo our response from t	osing to	reest	tablish this	s magi	sterial	

Magisterial District Information			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Ir	formation:		
Gary A. Whiteman Magisterial District Judge Name	Birthdate	12/31/23 Term Expiration Date	12/31/38 Mandatory Retirement Da
11. Magisterial District Court Informa	tion - Physical Loca	tion:	
542 County Farm Road, Suite	103, Montoursvill	e, PA 17754	
12. Is this court within the boundaries	s of the magisterial	district?	Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the	boundaries of the	magisterial district?	Yes
14. Are all portions of the magisterial	district contiguous	?	Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, ar	e there any planne	d developments	No/Not Sure
such as a mall, highway expansion increase in the case filings for this		•	esponse below.
 16. List any police departments locate Montoursville Borough, Pennsylvania State 17. List any major highways within the 	e Police, South Williams	port	
U.S. Route 15, I-180, U.S. Route 220			
 List the <u>current</u> municipalities for for Realignment Orders submitted Cascade Township; Eldred To Township precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, South Williamsport Borough; I 	d in the past. ownship; Fairfield 6, 7; Montoursvill	Township; Gamble 1 e Borough; Plunketts	ownship; Loyalsock
19. Are the proposed municipalities t If NO , please list all proposed mur			No
Cascade Township; Eldred Township; 7; Montoursville Borough; Plunketts C		· · ·	
[In summary, this district (29-3-02) is t 29-3-04 in an effort to equalize the wo	• •		and 6 to District Court
20. Additional Comments:			
The effective date of this realignment is 1/1/2024 Township precincts 1, 2, and 6 from this district (-		
All portions of this magisterial district (29-3-02) a	re contiguous because Loya ssigned to the jurisdiction of		tiguous with South Williamsport

Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022

	gisterial District Court Number:	29-3-03	C	Coun	ty:	Lycoming	l	
1.	Proposed plan for this magisterial di	strict: Reestablis	sh		2. Eff	ective date	:	
Case	eload Analysis			I				
		Avg for Magisterial District Avg for Judicial District					Avg for Class of Cour	
3.	Average total caseloads:	A. 3,032		В.	3,	,306	C.	4,119
4.	Compare the difference between th	e caseload averag	e of t	this		nce (3A - 3B)	Ranking	Total
	magisterial district to your judicial o	listrict caseload av	/erag	ge.	-273.	6700000(4th	out of 6
5.	Compare the difference between th	e caseload averag	e of t	this	Differei	nce (3A - 3C)	% Al	bove/Below
	magisterial district to your class of c	ounty caseload av	erage	e.	-1(086.67	-26 %	
you are departing from caseload equity. We believe the number of filings in this district will increase due to anticipated land and business development plans in the district. For instance, a new Geisinger medical facility will be opening in January 2022, and new retail establishments are moving into the area. It is anticipated that this will cause an increase in the number of traffic and other filings in the district.								
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Wor	is anticipated that this will cause			imbe	er of tra	affic and c	other fil	lings in the
	is anticipated that this will cause district.			imbe	er of tra		other fil	
7.	is anticipated that this will cause district. rkload Analysis Average total workloads:	an increase in th		Avg	er of tra for Mag 2	affic and c	Avg fo	ings in the
7.	is anticipated that this will cause district. rkload Analysis Average total workloads:	an increase in th	e nu	Avg	for Mag 2 Differenc	affic and c isterial District 6,177	Avg fo	ings in the or Judicial District 31,135

12/31/23 Term Expiration Date	Mandatory Retirement Date
	Mandatory Retirement Date
cation:	
al district?	Yes
e magisterial district?	Yes
us?	Yes
ned developments	Yes
•	esponse below.
uary 2022 and new retail e	stablishments are moving
gisterial district.	
, Pennsylvania College of Techno	logy, Pennsylvania State Police
rict.	
listrict (alphabetically).	For a list, click <u>HERE</u>
Borough, Moreland To vnship, Penn Townshij	ownship, Muncy o, Picture Rocks
	Yes
	e magisterial district? us? ned developments nat will likely cause an alease summarize your re- uary 2022 and new retail e gisterial district. , Pennsylvania College of Techno crict. district (alphabetically). If Fownship, Hughesville Borough, Moreland To vnship, Penn Township Township, Wolf Town e? betically).

Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022

Mag	gisterial District Court Number:	29-3-04	Со	ounty:	Lycoming	l			
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign					2. Effective date: 1/1/2024				
Caseload Analysis									
	Average total caseloads:	Avg for Magisterial District 2,756 B.		Avg for Judicial District		Avg for Class of County			
3.				. 3	,306	с. 4,119			
4.	Compare the difference between th	e caseload average	of th	nis <i>Differe</i>	nce (3A - 3B)	Ranking	Total		
	magisterial district to your judicial d	listrict caseload ave	erage		-550	6th	out of 6		
5.	5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of			nis <i>Differe</i>	nce (3A - 3C)	% Above/Below			
	magisterial district to your class of c	-	unty caseload average.		-1363		-33 %		
Wo	rkload Analysis								
				Avg for Magisterial Dis		ct Avg for Judicial District			
7.	Average total workloads:			A. 1	9,754	В.	31,135		
8.	Compare the difference between the workloads of this magisterial district	•		Differen	ce (7A - 7B)	% Al	bove/Below		
				-1	1,381		-37 %		
9.	If this magisterial district's average w judicial district average workload <u>a</u> district, please explain (<i>summarize y</i> unwarranted inequity among the jud	ind you are propo our response from t	osing	to <u>rees</u>	tablish thi	s magis	sterial		

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) I	nformation:				
William C. Solomon		1/2/28	12/31/37		
Magisterial District Judge Name 11. Magisterial District Court Informa	Birthdate	Term Expiration Date	Mandatory Retirement Dat		
1965 Lycoming Creek Road, I	•				
12. Is this court within the boundarie	. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?				
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the	. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?				
14. Are all portions of the magisteria	Yes				
15. To the best of your knowledge, a	No/Not Sure				
such as a mall, highway expansic increase in the case filings for th		•	esponse below.		
16. List any police departments locat Old Lycoming Township, Pennsylvania S	e		gional		
17. List any major highways within the	nis magisterial distr	ct.			
U.S. Route 15, PA Route 14					
 List the <u>current</u> municipalities fo for Realignment Orders submitte 	-	strict (alphabetically). I	For a list, click <u>HERE</u>		
Armstrong Township, Cogan Jackson Township, Lewis To McIntyre Township, McNett T	wnship, Loyalsoc	Township precinct 3	, Lycoming Township		
19. Are the proposed municipalities If NO , please list all proposed mu			No		
Armstrong Township; Cogan House Towr Loyalsock Township precincts 1, 2, 3, 6; L Susquehanna Township	-		-		
[In summary, this district (29-3-04) is assu to equalize the workloads among the dist		p precincts 1, 2, and 6 from D	istrict Court 29-3-02 in an effo		
0. Additional Comments:					
The effective date of this realignment assisting District Court 29-3-03 during			for this district (29-3-04) is		
This district (29-3-04) is assuming all	truancy filings from Dis	trict Court 20, 1,01 offective	1/1/2022		

This district (29-3-04) is assuming all truancy filings from District Court 29-1-01 effective 1/1/2022.

