

NORTH DAKOTA

The Dakota Territory was carved from the Nebraska Territory when the latter achieved statehood. North Dakota entered the Union in 1889, and the following year it was organized as a single-district state, and placed in the Eighth Circuit.¹

ND.ST.02 was authorized as a temporary position, with the proviso that the first vacancy to occur would not be filled.² When Judge Amidon retired in 1928, ND.ST.01 ended, and ND.ST.02 effectively became a regular line. North Dakota has two district judgeships.

Statutory History		
<i>Seat</i>	<i>Legislation</i>	<i>Authority</i>
ND.ST.01	Act of February 22, 1889	25 STAT. 676
ND.ST.02	Act of June 25, 1921	42 STAT. 66
ND.ST.03	Act of February 10, 1954	68 STAT. 9

Seat Histories					
<i>Position #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Confirmation</i>	<i>Date of Departure</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Party</i>
ND.ST.01.01	Thomas, Alfred Delavan	February 25, 1890	August 9, 1896	Deceased	Republican
ND.ST.01.02	Amidon, Charles Fremont	February 18, 1897 ³	June 2, 1928	Retired	Democrat

¹For more detail see, Theodore J. Fetter, *A History of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit* (Washington: Judicial Conference of the United States, 1977).

²Act of June 25, 1921, 42 STAT. 66.

³Recess appointment, August 31, 1896.

ND.ST.02.01	Miller, Andrew	February 2, 1922	March 29, 1941	Retired	Republican
ND.ST.02.02	Vogel, Charles Joseph	October 27, 1941	August 20, 1954	Elevated to Eighth Circuit	Democrat
ND.ST.02.03	Davies, Ronald M.	July 22, 1955	August 27, 1971	Retired	Republican
ND.ST.02.04	Benson, Paul	July 29, 1971	December 31, 1985	Retired	Republican
ND.ST.02.05	Webb, Rodney S.	December 19, 1987	December 31, 2001	Retired	Republican
ND.ST.02.06	Erickson, Ralph R.	March 12, 2003	Active	Active	Republican
ND.ST.03.01	Register, George S.	July 22, 1955	December 22, 1971	Retired	Republican
ND.ST.03.02	Van Sickle, Bruce M.	December 11, 1971	February 8, 1985	Retired	Republican
ND.ST.03.03	Conmy, Patrick A.	December 16, 1985	January 5, 2000	Retired	Republican
ND.ST.03.04	Hovland, Daniel L.	November 14, 2002	Active	Active	Republican