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From: Melissa Calvanelli, District Court Administrator
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Subject: Notice of Proposed Changes to Magisterial Districts within the Ninth Judicial District Of Pennsylvania – Cumberland County

The Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania comprises sixty judicial districts across the Commonwealth. The Ninth Judicial District includes Cumberland County, a third-class county, which currently contains ten magisterial districts under the supervision of President Judge Albert H. Masland.

Magisterial districts consist of boroughs, townships, and/or city wards. Each district elects a magisterial district judge to a six-year term. These judges handle civil claims up to \$12,000, landlord-tenant matters, summary offenses, and preliminary hearings in misdemeanor and felony cases. They also provide emergency relief under the Protection From Abuse Act and the Older Adult Protective Services Act, in addition to issuing warrants, conducting arraignments, setting bail, and performing marriage ceremonies.

Under normal practice, the Court reviews the statistics and boundaries of all magisterial districts following each decennial census, a process known as magisterial district reestablishment. However, certain circumstances may warrant a review outside this ten-year cycle. An upcoming vacancy in Magisterial District 09-3-05 has created such an opportunity, allowing the Court to examine district boundaries and propose adjustments intended to support a more balanced and efficient distribution of caseloads throughout Cumberland County.

Below are the current jurisdictions and proposed changes for the affected magisterial districts.

Magisterial District 09-1-01

Current:

- Lower Allen Township
- New Cumberland Borough
- Shiremanstown Borough

Proposed:

- Lower Allen Township
- New Cumberland Borough
- Upper Allen Township

Magisterial District 09-1-02

Current:

- Camp Hill Borough
- Lemoyne Borough
- Wormleysburg Borough

Proposed:

- Camp Hill Borough
- Lemoyne Borough

Magisterial District 09-1-03

Current:

- East Pennsboro Township

Proposed:

- East Pennsboro Township
- Wormleysburg Borough

Magisterial District 09-2-01

Current:

- Lower Frankford
- Middlesex Township
- North Middleton Township

Proposed:

- Middlesex Township
- North Middleton Township
- Silver Spring Township

Magisterial District 09-3-02

Current:

- Cooke Township
- Lower Mifflin Township
- Newville Borough
- North Newton Township
- Penn Township
- South Newton Township
- Upper Frankford Township
- Upper Mifflin Township
- West Pennsboro Township

Proposed:

- Cooke Township
- Lower Frankford Township
- Lower Mifflin Township
- Newville Borough
- North Newton Township
- Penn Township
- South Newton Township
- Upper Frankford Township
- Upper Mifflin Township
- West Pennsboro Township

Magisterial District 09-3-03

Current:

- Dickinson Township
- Mount Holly Springs Borough
- South Middleton Township

Proposed:

- Dickinson Township
- Monroe Township
- Mount Holly Springs Borough
- South Middleton Township

Magisterial District 09-3-04

Current:

- Hampden Township
- Silver Spring Township

Proposed:

- Hampden Township
- Mechanicsburg Borough
- Shiremanstown Borough

Magisterial District 09-3-05

Current:

- Mechanicsburg Borough
- Monroe Township
- Upper Allen Township

Proposed:

- Eliminated

Over the last four years (2022–2025), county data shows that overall caseloads across Cumberland County magisterial district courts have decreased by an average of 26.39% compared to the previous six-year period. By evaluating Cumberland County as a whole, we aim to establish a foundation for eliminating one Magisterial District Court and redistributing its caseload among the remaining courts. This approach would also enable us to rebalance caseloads from other jurisdictions, creating a more equitable workload distribution across the county.

Currently, Cumberland County has the third lowest caseload among the 3rd-class counties with the average total filings per court being 4,183. With this proposal, the average caseload per court would rise to approximately 4,653 cases, placing us fifth among the ten 3rd-class counties.

Magisterial District 09-1-01 would see its average caseload increase from 3,542 to approximately 5,275, allowing it to absorb additional volume while still operating within manageable limits. Magisterial District 09-1-02 would move from 6,145 to approximately 4,985 cases, bringing its workload more in line with countywide averages and reducing existing strain on resources.

Magisterial District 09-1-03 would shift from 3,915 to approximately 3,937 cases. Importantly, this proposal also eliminates the long-standing order requiring criminal and traffic citations originating on Interstate 81, Interstate 581, and the Pennsylvania Turnpike to be filed in MDJ 09-1-03, restoring those filings to their appropriate home jurisdictions in Silver Spring Township and Hampden Township. This correction ensures jurisdictional accuracy.

Magisterial District 09-2-01 would move from 3,355 to approximately 6,525 cases, aligning its caseload with its capacity and geographic coverage. Magisterial Districts 09-3-02, 09-3-03, and 09-3-04 would each see modest changes—from 4,865 to approximately 4,200; 3,556 to approximately 4,070; and 4,732 to approximately 4,791 respectively—improving countywide balance without overburdening any single district. Please note when the averages were calculated, an order was in place for all criminal and traffic cases generated by the Pennsylvania state police on Interstate 81 and PA Turnpike that run through Magisterial District 09-2-01 and 09-2-02 to be filed in 09-3-02. An administrative order in November of 2024 directed all these cases to be filed in their respective courts. These projections listed above account for these cases being filed in their appropriate home jurisdictions.

Magisterial District 09-3-05 would be eliminated, with its caseload of 3,793 redistributed among nearby courts to create long-term structural efficiency. Magisterial Districts 09-3-01 and 09-2-02 will not change under this proposal.

Please note due to the unavailability of municipal data for civil and landlord/tenant cases filed in the magisterial district courts, the average annual filings were calculated by taking each magisterial district's average caseload from 2022-2025 and dividing it by the number of municipalities currently assigned to that magisterial district. The same method was used to calculate municipal averages for miscellaneous dockets.

Overall, this proposed realignment improves operational efficiency and ensures that judicial services remain accessible and responsive to the needs of the public. The Court seeks to maintain a well-aligned structure that supports consistent workloads across all magisterial districts. With the approval of this change, Cumberland County would have the least amount of variance from the revised county class average of 4,665.

A thirty (30) day period for public comment on this proposal is required prior to submission of a petition to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Public comments concerning the proposed changes will be accepted through October 3, 2026. Comments may be sent by mail or email to:

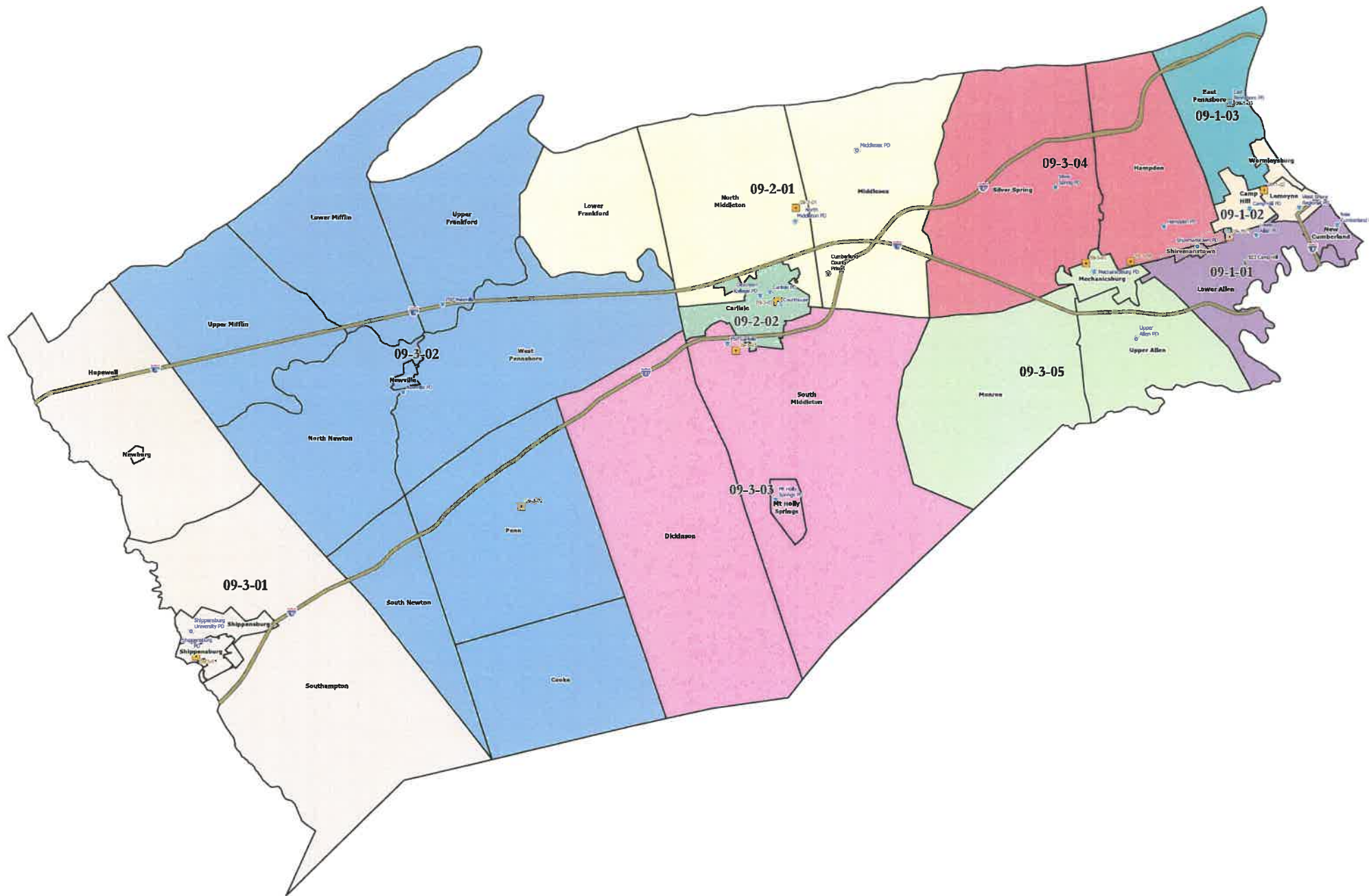
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We appreciate your input and your interest in this proposal.

Enclosures: Current Boundaries Map
Proposed Boundaries Map



Cumberland County MDJ

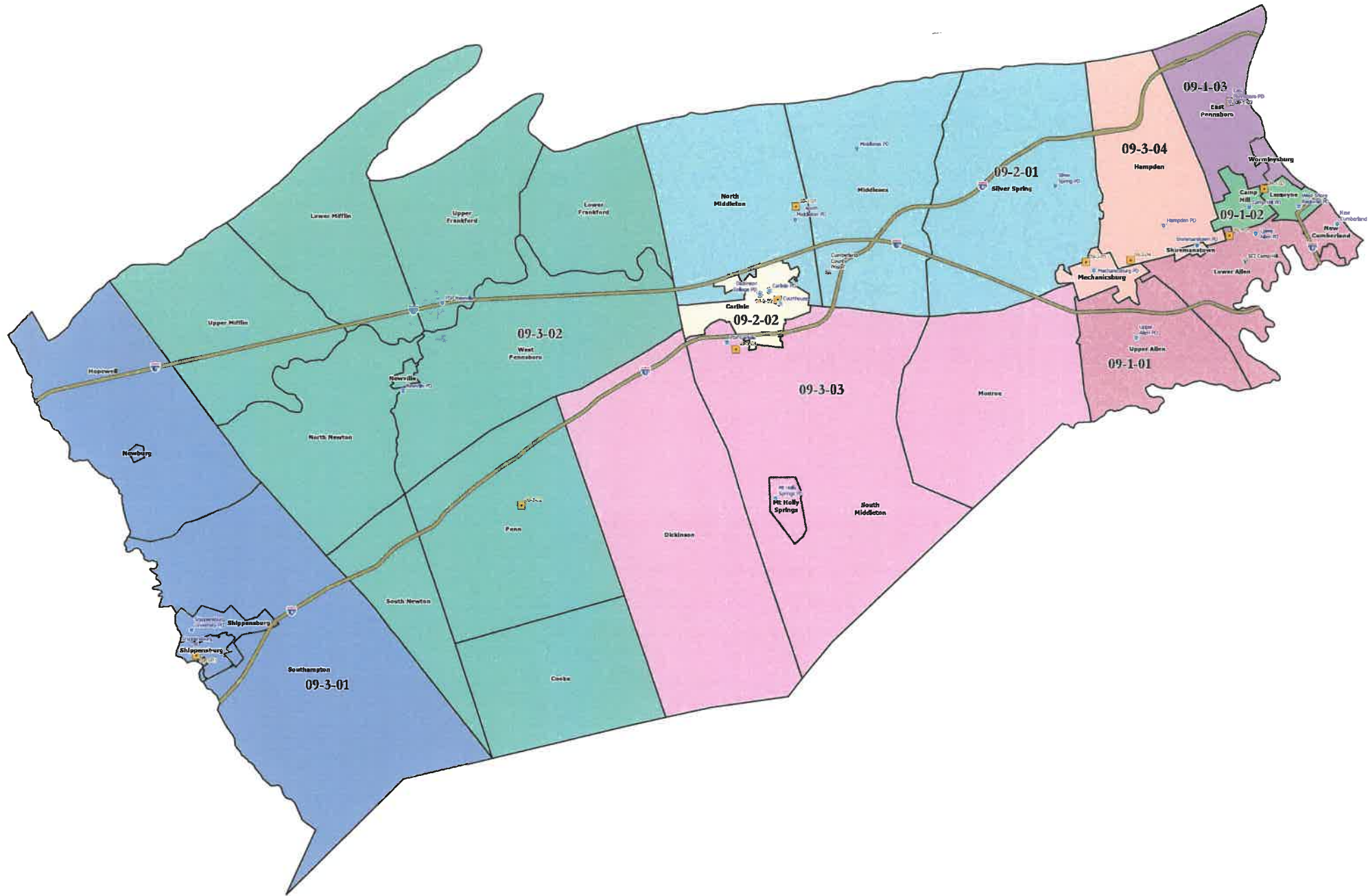
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- Police Department
- Pennsylvania
- County
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Cumberland County Proposed MDJ

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