

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

GREER M. LYNCH  
CLERK OF COURT

R. DAVID PROCTOR  
CHIEF JUDGE

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

Re: IMPLEMENTATION OF PUB. L. NO. 118-179

1. On December 23, 2024, the President signed [H.R. 7177](#) into law, formally amending title 28, United States Code, to adjust and consolidate certain Divisions in the Northern District of Alabama.
2. This statute was last amended more than 60 years ago when the Decatur federal building was built, and the completion of a new courthouse in Huntsville and closure of courthouses in Decatur, Gadsden, and Huntsville necessitated an update. The resulting modifications will ensure that attorneys, litigants, jurors, and the public in the Northern District of Alabama have convenient access to a federal courthouse and can avoid unnecessary transportation expenses and burdensome logistics.
3. As a result of the new law, the number of Divisions that comprise the District are reduced from seven to five, with the former Jasper and Middle Divisions being eliminated and leaving the following Divisions in place: Eastern, Northeastern, Northwestern, Southern, and Western. Additionally, the county of Lawrence was transferred to the Northwestern Division, and the county of Marshall was transferred to the Northeastern Division. Accordingly, court will no longer be held in the cities of Decatur, Gadsden, or Jasper. Future court proceedings will continue to be held in the cities of Anniston, Birmingham, Florence, Huntsville, and Tuscaloosa.
4. This adjustment and consolidation will require changes to some Court orders, local rules, and policies. Additionally, updates to the public website and various processes, procedures, and plans will be updated in due course. Information about those changes will be posted on the Court's webpage over the next several months.
5. A current map of the Northern District of Alabama is provided with this NOTICE, indicating updated Division boundaries and incorporated counties.

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# County Map of the Divisions of the Northern District of Alabama

➤ Eastern (blue)

- Calhoun
- Cherokee
- Clay
- Cleburne
- DeKalb
- Etowah
- St. Clair
- Talladega

➤ Northeastern (red)

- Cullman
- Jackson
- Limestone
- Madison
- Marshall
- Morgan

➤ Northwestern (orange)

- Colbert
- Franklin
- Lauderdale
- Lawrence

➤ Southern (green)

- Blount
- Jefferson
- Shelby

➤ Western (yellow)

- Bibb
- Fayette
- Greene
- Lamar
- Marion
- Pickens
- Sumter
- Tuscaloosa
- Walker
- Winston

