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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Appropriations (Bradley) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Section 25.025, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

25.025 Headquarters.—

(1) (a) A Supreme Court justice who permanently resides
outside Leon County shall, if he or she so requests, have a
district court of appeal courthouse, a county courthouse, or



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11 another appropriate facility in his or her district of residence
12 designated as his or her official headquarters pursuant to s.
13 112.061. This official headquarters may serve only as the
14 justice's private chambers.

15 (b) A justice for whom an official headquarters is
16 designated in his or her district of residence under this
17 subsection is eligible for subsistence at a rate to be
18 established by the Chief Justice for each day or partial day
19 that the justice is at the Supreme Court Building for the
20 conduct of the business of the court. In addition to the
21 subsistence allowance, a justice is eligible for reimbursement
22 for transportation expenses as provided in s. 112.061(7) for
23 travel between the justice's official headquarters and the
24 Supreme Court Building for the conduct of the business of the
25 court.

26 (c) Payment of subsistence and reimbursement for
27 transportation expenses relating to travel between a justice's
28 official headquarters and the Supreme Court Building must be
29 made to the extent that appropriated funds are available, as
30 determined by the Chief Justice.

31 (2) The Chief Justice shall coordinate with each affected
32 justice and other state and local officials as necessary to
33 implement paragraph (1) (a).

34 (3) (a) This section does not require a county to provide
35 space in a county courthouse for a justice. A county may enter
36 into an agreement with the Supreme Court governing the use of
37 space in a county courthouse.

38 (b) The Supreme Court may not use state funds to lease
39 space in a district court of appeal courthouse, county



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40 courthouse, or other facility to allow a justice to establish an
41 official headquarters pursuant to subsection (1).

42 Section 2. Subsections (9) and (12) of section 26.031,
43 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

44 26.031 Judicial circuits; number of judges.—The number of
45 circuit judges in each circuit shall be as follows:

47 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
48 (9) Ninth.....	44 43
49 (12) Twelfth.....	22 21

50 Section 3. Subsections (9) and (17) of section 34.022,
51 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

52 34.022 Number of county court judges for each county.—The
53 number of county court judges in each county shall be as
54 follows:

56 COUNTY	TOTAL
57 (9) Citrus.....	2 1
58 (17) Flagler.....	2 1

59 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

61 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

62 And the title is amended as follows:

63 Delete everything before the enacting clause
64 and insert:

65 A bill to be entitled
66 An act relating to courts; creating s. 25.025, F.S.;
67 authorizing certain Supreme Court justices to have an
68 appropriate facility in their district of residence



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69 designated as their official headquarters; providing
70 that an official headquarters may serve only as a
71 justice's private chambers; providing that such
72 justices are eligible for a certain subsistence
73 allowance and reimbursement for certain transportation
74 expenses; requiring that such allowance and
75 reimbursement be made to the extent that appropriated
76 funds are available, as determined by the Chief
77 Justice; requiring the Chief Justice to coordinate
78 with certain persons in designating official
79 headquarters; providing that a county is not required
80 to provide space for a justice in a county courthouse;
81 authorizing counties to enter into agreements with the
82 Supreme Court for the use of county courthouse space;
83 prohibiting the Supreme Court from using state funds
84 to lease space in specified facilities to allow a
85 justice to establish an official headquarters;
86 amending s. 26.031, F.S.; revising the number of
87 circuit judges in certain judicial circuits; amending
88 s. 34.022, F.S.; revising the number of county court
89 judges in certain counties; providing an effective
90 date.