

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2025 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Appropriations

SB 2508 — Judges

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The bill, relating to Judges, conforms law to the appropriations provided in SB 2500, the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Specifically, the bill provides for the following:

Section 1 amends s. 26.031, F.S., to establish twenty-two new circuit court judgeships. The Second, Eighth, Fourteenth, and Nineteenth Judicial Circuit will each receive one additional judgeship. The Fourth, Seventh, Ninth, Tenth, Twelfth, and Fifteenth Judicial Circuit will each receive two additional judgeships. The Fifth and the Eleventh Judicial Circuit will each receive three additional judgeships.

Section 2 amends s. 34.022, F.S., to establish fifteen new county court judgeships. Bay, Clay, Hernando, Lake, Manatee, Marion, Nassau, Osceola, Palm Beach, Polk, and Sumter County will each receive one additional judgeship. Miami-Dade County will receive four additional judgeships.

Section 3 amends s. 35.06, F.S., to establish two new district court of appeal judgeships in the sixth district and provides that the number of judgeships in the second district shall be reduced by one until 13 judges remain in the second district upon each occurrence of a vacancy.

Section 4 provides that the Legislature finds and declares that this act fulfills an important state interest.

Section 5 provides an effective date of July 1, 2025.

Vote: Senate 34-0; House 105-0