

By the Committee on Civil Justice & Claims and
 Representatives Warner, Bradley, Ritter, Flanagan, Byrd,
 Thrasher, Burroughs, Cosgrove and Clemons

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the judiciary; amending s.
 3 26.031, F.S.; increasing the number of judges
 4 in specified judicial circuits; amending s.
 5 34.022, F.S.; increasing the number of judges
 6 in specified county courts; providing an
 7 effective date.

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 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 11 Section 1. Section 26.031, Florida Statutes, 1996
 12 Supplement, is amended to read:

13 26.031 Judicial circuits; number of judges.--The
 14 number of circuit judges in each circuit shall be as follows:

16 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
17 (1) First.....	19
18 (2) Second.....	<u>12</u> 11
19 (3) Third.....	5
20 (4) Fourth.....	<u>29</u> 28
21 (5) Fifth.....	<u>20</u> 18
22 (6) Sixth.....	37
23 (7) Seventh.....	<u>21</u> 20
24 (8) Eighth.....	10
25 (9) Ninth.....	<u>33</u> 32
26 (10) Tenth.....	18
27 (11) Eleventh.....	70
28 (12) Twelfth.....	17
29 (13) Thirteenth.....	33
30 (14) Fourteenth.....	9
31 (15) Fifteenth.....	31

1	(16) Sixteenth.....	4
2	(17) Seventeenth.....	<u>46</u> 45
3	(18) Eighteenth.....	21
4	(19) Nineteenth.....	13
5	(20) Twentieth.....	20
6	Section 2. Section 34.022, Florida Statutes, 1996	
7	Supplement, is amended to read:	
8	34.022 Number of county court judges for each	
9	county.--The number of county court judges in each county	
10	shall be as follows:	
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12	COUNTY	TOTAL
13	(1) Alachua.....	5
14	(2) Baker.....	1
15	(3) Bay.....	3
16	(4) Bradford.....	1
17	(5) Brevard.....	7
18	(6) Broward.....	<u>25</u> 24
19	(7) Calhoun.....	1
20	(8) Charlotte.....	2
21	(9) Citrus.....	1
22	(10) Clay.....	2
23	(11) Collier.....	3
24	(12) Columbia.....	1
25	(13) Dade.....	<u>41</u> 40
26	(14) DeSoto.....	1
27	(15) Dixie.....	1
28	(16) Duval.....	13
29	(17) Escambia.....	5
30	(18) Flagler.....	1
31	(19) Franklin.....	1

1	(20)	Gadsden.....	1
2	(21)	Gilchrist.....	1
3	(22)	Glades.....	1
4	(23)	Gulf.....	1
5	(24)	Hamilton.....	1
6	(25)	Hardee.....	1
7	(26)	Hendry.....	1
8	(27)	Hernando.....	1
9	(28)	Highlands.....	1
10	(29)	Hillsborough.....	13
11	(30)	Holmes.....	1
12	(31)	Indian River.....	2
13	(32)	Jackson.....	1
14	(33)	Jefferson.....	1
15	(34)	Lafayette.....	1
16	(35)	Lake.....	2
17	(36)	Lee.....	6
18	(37)	Leon.....	4
19	(38)	Levy.....	1
20	(39)	Liberty.....	1
21	(40)	Madison.....	1
22	(41)	Manatee.....	3
23	(42)	Marion.....	3
24	(43)	Martin.....	2
25	(44)	Monroe.....	4
26	(45)	Nassau.....	1
27	(46)	Okaloosa.....	2
28	(47)	Okeechobee.....	1
29	(48)	Orange.....	14 <u>13</u>
30	(49)	Osceola.....	3
31	(50)	Palm Beach.....	17

1	(51) Pasco.....	3
2	(52) Pinellas.....	13
3	(53) Polk.....	6
4	(54) Putnam.....	1
5	(55) St. Johns.....	2
6	(56) St. Lucie.....	3
7	(57) Santa Rosa.....	2
8	(58) Sarasota.....	4
9	(59) Seminole.....	5
10	(60) Sumter.....	1
11	(61) Suwannee.....	1
12	(62) Taylor.....	1
13	(63) Union.....	1
14	(64) Volusia.....	9
15	(65) Wakulla.....	1
16	(66) Walton.....	1
17	(67) Washington.....	1

Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

HOUSE SUMMARY

Increases the number of judges in specified judicial circuits and county courts.