

By the Committee on Fiscal Policy and Senator Grant

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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; amending s. 35.06,
7 F.S.; increasing the number of judges in
8 specified district courts of appeal;
9 prohibiting the judicial nominating commission
10 from seeking applications or advertising for
11 nominations to fill specified vacancies before
12 a certain date; providing effective dates.

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

16 Section 1. Effective August 1, 1999, section 26.031,
17 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

18 26.031 Judicial circuits; number of judges.--The
19 number of circuit judges in each circuit shall be as follows:

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
(1) First.....	19
(2) Second.....	<u>13</u> 12
(3) Third.....	<u>6</u> 5
(4) Fourth.....	<u>30</u> 29
(5) Fifth.....	20
(6) Sixth.....	37
(7) Seventh.....	<u>22</u> 21
(8) Eighth.....	10
(9) Ninth.....	<u>35</u> 33
(10) Tenth.....	18

1	(11) Eleventh.....	70
2	(12) Twelfth.....	<u>18</u> 17
3	(13) Thirteenth.....	<u>35</u> 33
4	(14) Fourteenth.....	9
5	(15) Fifteenth.....	31
6	(16) Sixteenth.....	4
7	(17) Seventeenth.....	<u>48</u> 46
8	(18) Eighteenth.....	<u>22</u> 21
9	(19) Nineteenth.....	13
10	(20) Twentieth.....	<u>21</u> 20
11	Section 2. Effective October 1, 2000, section 26.031,	
12	Florida Statutes, as amended by section 1 of this act, is	
13	amended to read:	
14	26.031 Judicial circuits; number of judges.--The	
15	number of circuit judges in each circuit shall be as follows:	
16		
17	JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
18	(1) First.....	<u>20</u> 19
19	(2) Second.....	13
20	(3) Third.....	6
21	(4) Fourth.....	30
22	(5) Fifth.....	<u>22</u> 20
23	(6) Sixth.....	<u>39</u> 37
24	(7) Seventh.....	22
25	(8) Eighth.....	<u>11</u> 10
26	(9) Ninth.....	35
27	(10) Tenth.....	<u>19</u> 18
28	(11) Eleventh.....	<u>71</u> 70
29	(12) Twelfth.....	18
30	(13) Thirteenth.....	35
31	(14) Fourteenth.....	9

1	(15) Fifteenth.....	<u>32</u>	31
2	(16) Sixteenth.....		4
3	(17) Seventeenth.....	<u>49</u>	48
4	(18) Eighteenth.....		22
5	(19) Nineteenth.....	<u>15</u>	13
6	(20) Twentieth.....		21
7	Section 3. Effective August 1, 1999, section 34.022,		
8	Florida Statutes, is amended to read:		
9	34.022 Number of county court judges for each		
10	county.--The number of county court judges in each county		
11	shall be as follows:		
12			
13	COUNTY		TOTAL
14	(1) Alachua.....		5
15	(2) Baker.....		1
16	(3) Bay.....		3
17	(4) Bradford.....		1
18	(5) Brevard.....		7
19	(6) Broward.....		25
20	(7) Calhoun.....		1
21	(8) Charlotte.....		2
22	(9) Citrus.....		1
23	(10) Clay.....		2
24	(11) Collier.....		3
25	(12) Columbia.....		1
26	(13) Dade.....		41
27	(14) DeSoto.....		1
28	(15) Dixie.....		1
29	(16) Duval.....		13
30	(17) Escambia.....		5
31	(18) Flagler.....		1

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

1	(50)	Palm Beach.....	17
2	(51)	Pasco.....	3
3	(52)	Pinellas.....	13
4	(53)	Polk.....	<u>8</u> 6
5	(54)	Putnam.....	1
6	(55)	St. Johns.....	2
7	(56)	St. Lucie.....	3
8	(57)	Santa Rosa.....	2
9	(58)	Sarasota.....	4
10	(59)	Seminole.....	5
11	(60)	Sumter.....	1
12	(61)	Suwannee.....	1
13	(62)	Taylor.....	1
14	(63)	Union.....	1
15	(64)	Volusia.....	9
16	(65)	Wakulla.....	1
17	(66)	Walton.....	1
18	(67)	Washington.....	1
19		Section 4. Effective October 1, 2000, section 34.022,	
20		Florida Statutes, as amended by section 3 of this act, is	
21		amended to read:	
22		34.022 Number of county court judges for each	
23		county.--The number of county court judges in each county	
24		shall be as follows:	
25			
26	COUNTY		TOTAL
27	(1)	Alachua.....	5
28	(2)	Baker.....	1
29	(3)	Bay.....	3
30	(4)	Bradford.....	1
31	(5)	Brevard.....	7

1	(6) Broward.....	25
2	(7) Calhoun.....	1
3	(8) Charlotte.....	2
4	(9) Citrus.....	1
5	(10) Clay.....	2
6	(11) Collier.....	3
7	(12) Columbia.....	1
8	(13) Dade.....	41
9	(14) DeSoto.....	1
10	(15) Dixie.....	1
11	(16) Duval.....	<u>14</u> 13
12	(17) Escambia.....	5
13	(18) Flagler.....	1
14	(19) Franklin.....	1
15	(20) Gadsden.....	1
16	(21) Gilchrist.....	1
17	(22) Glades.....	1
18	(23) Gulf.....	1
19	(24) Hamilton.....	1
20	(25) Hardee.....	1
21	(26) Hendry.....	1
22	(27) Hernando.....	1
23	(28) Highlands.....	1
24	(29) Hillsborough.....	<u>14</u> 13
25	(30) Holmes.....	1
26	(31) Indian River.....	2
27	(32) Jackson.....	1
28	(33) Jefferson.....	1
29	(34) Lafayette.....	1
30	(35) Lake.....	2
31	(36) Lee.....	6

1	(37)	Leon.....	<u>5</u>	4
2	(38)	Levy.....	1	
3	(39)	Liberty.....	1	
4	(40)	Madison.....	1	
5	(41)	Manatee.....	3	
6	(42)	Marion.....	3	
7	(43)	Martin.....	2	
8	(44)	Monroe.....	4	
9	(45)	Nassau.....	1	
10	(46)	Okaloosa.....	2	
11	(47)	Okeechobee.....	1	
12	(48)	Orange.....	14	
13	(49)	Osceola.....	3	
14	(50)	Palm Beach.....	17	
15	(51)	Pasco.....	3	
16	(52)	Pinellas.....	13	
17	(53)	Polk.....	8	
18	(54)	Putnam.....	<u>2</u>	±
19	(55)	St. Johns.....	2	
20	(56)	St. Lucie.....	3	
21	(57)	Santa Rosa.....	2	
22	(58)	Sarasota.....	4	
23	(59)	Seminole.....	5	
24	(60)	Sumter.....	1	
25	(61)	Suwannee.....	1	
26	(62)	Taylor.....	1	
27	(63)	Union.....	1	
28	(64)	Volusia.....	9	
29	(65)	Wakulla.....	1	
30	(66)	Walton.....	1	
31	(67)	Washington.....	1	

1 Section 5. Effective October 1, 2000, section 35.06,
2 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3 35.06 Organization of district courts of appeal.--A
4 district court of appeal shall be organized in each of the
5 five appellate districts to be named District Court of Appeal,
6 District. The number of judges of each district court of
7 appeal shall be as follows:

8 (1) In the first district there shall be 15 judges.

9 (2) In the second district there shall be 14 judges.

10 (3) In the third district there shall be 11 judges.

11 (4) In the fourth district there shall be 12 judges.

12 (5) In the fifth district there shall be 10 ~~9~~ judges.

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14 The successors of the original and additional judges of the
15 district courts of appeal shall be elected at the general
16 election next preceding the expiration of their respective
17 terms of office to serve for full terms of 6 years.

18 Section 6. A judicial nominating commission may not
19 seek applications or advertise for a judicial office created
20 by sections 1 and 3 of this act before August 1, 1999, or
21 created by sections 2, 4, and 5 before September 1, 1999.

22 Section 7. Except as otherwise provided in this act,
23 this act shall take effect August 1, 1999.

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25 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
26 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
27 SB 1334

28 Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1334 changes the phase-in
29 date for new judges certified by the Supreme Court. Thirteen
30 circuit court and 2 county court judgeships would be created
31 effective August 1, 1999. One district court of appeal, 12
circuit court, and 4 county court judgeships would be created
effective October 1, 1999.