

By Senator Burt

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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; providing for
7 appointment by the Governor; providing an
8 effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Section 26.031, Florida Statutes, 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:

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17 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
18 (1) First.....	<u>21</u> 20
19 (2) Second.....	<u>14</u> 13
20 (3) Third.....	6
21 (4) Fourth.....	<u>32</u> 30
22 (5) Fifth.....	<u>24</u> 22
23 (6) Sixth.....	<u>41</u> 39
24 (7) Seventh.....	<u>23</u> 22
25 (8) Eighth.....	11
26 (9) Ninth.....	<u>38</u> 35
27 (10) Tenth.....	<u>21</u> 19
28 (11) Eleventh.....	<u>74</u> 71
29 (12) Twelfth.....	18
30 (13) Thirteenth.....	<u>37</u> 35
31 (14) Fourteenth.....	9

1	(15) Fifteenth.....	<u>34</u>	32
2	(16) Sixteenth.....		4
3	(17) Seventeenth.....	<u>54</u>	49
4	(18) Eighteenth.....	<u>24</u>	22
5	(19) Nineteenth.....		15
6	(20) Twentieth.....	<u>23</u>	21
7	Section 2. Section 34.022, Florida Statutes, is		
8	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:		
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13	COUNTY		TOTAL
14	(1) Alachua.....		5
15	(2) Baker.....		1
16	(3) Bay.....		3
17	(4) Bradford.....		1
18	(5) Brevard.....	<u>8</u>	7
19	(6) Broward.....	<u>27</u>	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.....	<u>16</u>	14
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.....	<u>16</u> 14
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.....	<u>7</u> 6
19	(37)	Leon.....	5
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.....	<u>3</u> 2
29	(47)	Okeechobee.....	1
30	(48)	Orange.....	<u>15</u> 14
31	(49)	Osceola.....	3

1 (50) Palm Beach.....17
2 (51) Pasco.....4 ~~3~~
3 (52) Pinellas.....14 ~~13~~
4 (53) Polk.....9 ~~8~~
5 (54) Putnam.....2
6 (55) St. Johns.....2
7 (56) St. Lucie.....3
8 (57) Santa Rosa.....2
9 (58) Sarasota.....5 ~~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 3. The judges filling new offices created by
20 this act shall be appointed by the Governor and shall take
21 office for a term beginning on January 2, 2002.

22 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
23 law.

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25 SENATE SUMMARY

26 Increases the number of circuit judges and county court
27 judges. Provides for appointment by the Governor. New
28 judges take office for a term beginning on January 2,
29 2002.

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