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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the judiciary; amending s.
26.031, F.S.; increasing the number of judges
in specified judicial circuits; amending s.
34.022, F.S.; increasing the number of judges
in specified county courts; providing for
appointment by the Governor; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 26.031, Florida Statutes, is
amended to read:

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

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
(1) First.....	<u>21</u> 20
(2) Second.....	<u>15</u> 13
(3) Third.....	6
(4) Fourth.....	<u>31</u> 30
(5) Fifth.....	<u>23</u> 22
(6) Sixth.....	<u>40</u> 39
(7) Seventh.....	<u>23</u> 22
(8) Eighth.....	11
(9) Ninth.....	<u>36</u> 35
(10) Tenth.....	<u>20</u> 19
(11) Eleventh.....	<u>72</u> 71
(12) Twelfth.....	18
(13) Thirteenth.....	<u>36</u> 35
(14) Fourteenth.....	9

CODING:Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.

1 (15) Fifteenth.....33 ~~32~~
2 (16) Sixteenth..... 4
3 (17) Seventeenth.....50 ~~49~~
4 (18) Eighteenth.....23 ~~22~~
5 (19) Nineteenth.....15
6 (20) Twentieth.....22 ~~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:

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>26</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>15</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>15</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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