

By the Committee on Judicial Oversight and Representative Crow

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. Subsections (1), (2), (4), (5), (6), (7),  
13 (9), (10), (11), (13), (15), (17), (18), and (20) of section  
14 26.031, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

15           26.031 Judicial circuits; number of judges.--The  
16 number of circuit judges in each circuit shall be as follows:

18 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
19           (1) First.....	<u>21</u> <del>20</del>
20           (2) Second.....	<u>14</u> <del>13</del>
21           (4) Fourth.....	<u>32</u> <del>30</del>
22           (5) Fifth.....	<u>24</u> <del>22</del>
23           (6) Sixth.....	<u>41</u> <del>39</del>
24           (7) Seventh.....	<u>23</u> <del>22</del>
25           (9) Ninth.....	<u>38</u> <del>35</del>
26           (10) Tenth.....	<u>21</u> <del>19</del>
27           (11) Eleventh.....	<u>74</u> <del>71</del>
28           (13) Thirteenth.....	<u>37</u> <del>35</del>
29           (15) Fifteenth.....	<u>34</u> <del>32</del>
30           (17) Seventeenth.....	<u>54</u> <del>49</del>
31           (18) Eighteenth.....	<u>24</u> <del>22</del>

1           (20) Twentieth.....23 ~~21~~  
2           Section 2. Current subsections (5), (6), (16), (29),  
3 (36), (46), (48), (51), (52), (53), and (58) of section  
4 34.022, Florida Statutes, are amended, current subsection (13)  
5 of said section is renumbered as subsection (43) and amended,  
6 and subsections (14) through (43) of said section are  
7 renumbered as subsections (13) through (42), respectively, to  
8 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:

COUNTY	TOTAL
(5) Brevard.....	<u>8</u> 7
(6) Broward.....	<u>27</u> 25
<u>(15)</u> <del>(16)</del> Duval.....	<u>16</u> 14
<u>(28)</u> <del>(29)</del> Hillsborough.....	<u>16</u> 14
<u>(35)</u> <del>(36)</del> Lee.....	<u>7</u> 6
<u>(43)</u> <del>(13)</del> <u>Miami-Dade</u> <del>Dade</del> .....	41
(46) Okaloosa.....	<u>3</u> 2
(48) Orange.....	<u>15</u> 14
(51) Pasco.....	<u>4</u> 3
(52) Pinellas.....	<u>14</u> 13
(53) Polk.....	<u>9</u> 8
(58) Sarasota.....	<u>5</u> 4

26           Section 3. The judges filling new offices created by  
27 this act shall be appointed by the Governor and shall take  
28 office for a term beginning on January 2, 2002.

29           Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
30 law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Provides for 30 additional circuit court judges and 14 additional county court judges to be appointed by the Governor. Provides that the appointed judges shall take office on January 2, 2002.