

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>15</u> <del>13</del>
21           (4) Fourth.....	<u>31</u> <del>30</del>
22           (5) Fifth.....	<u>23</u> <del>22</del>
23           (6) Sixth.....	<u>40</u> <del>39</del>
24           (7) Seventh.....	<u>23</u> <del>22</del>
25           (9) Ninth.....	<u>36</u> <del>35</del>
26           (10) Tenth.....	<u>20</u> <del>19</del>
27           (11) Eleventh.....	<u>72</u> <del>71</del>
28           (13) Thirteenth.....	<u>36</u> <del>35</del>
29           (15) Fifteenth.....	<u>33</u> <del>32</del>
30           (17) Seventeenth.....	<u>50</u> <del>49</del>
31           (18) Eighteenth.....	<u>23</u> <del>22</del>

1 (20) Twentieth.....22 ~~21~~  
 2 Section 2. Current subsections (5), (6), (16), (29),  
 3 (36), (48), and (52), of section 34.022, Florida Statutes, are  
 4 amended, current subsection (13) of said section is renumbered  
 5 as subsection (43) and amended, and subsections (14) through  
 6 (43) of said section are renumbered as subsections (13)  
 7 through (42), respectively, 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:

12 COUNTY	TOTAL
13 (5) Brevard.....	<u>8</u> 7
14 (6) Broward.....	<u>26</u> 25
15 <del>(15)</del> <u>(16)</u> Duval.....	<u>15</u> 14
16 <del>(28)</del> <u>(29)</u> Hillsborough.....	<u>15</u> 14
17 <del>(35)</del> <u>(36)</u> Lee.....	<u>7</u> 6
18 <del>(43)</del> <u>(13)</u> <u>Miami-Dade</u> <del>Dade</del> .....	41
19 (48) Orange.....	<u>15</u> 14
20 (52) Pinellas.....	<u>14</u> 13

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

24 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
 25 law.

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