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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 appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (1), (2), (4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (11), (13), (15), (17), (18), and (20) of section 26.031, Florida Statutes, are 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
(4) Fourth.....	<u>31</u> 30
(5) Fifth.....	<u>23</u> 22
(6) Sixth.....	<u>40</u> 39
(7) Seventh.....	<u>23</u> 22
(9) Ninth.....	<u>36</u> 35
(10) Tenth.....	<u>20</u> 19
(11) Eleventh.....	<u>72</u> 71
(13) Thirteenth.....	<u>36</u> 35
(15) Fifteenth.....	<u>33</u> 32
(17) Seventeenth.....	<u>51</u> 49
(18) Eighteenth.....	<u>23</u> 22

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

1 (20) Twentieth.....22 ~~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:

13 COUNTY	TOTAL
14 (5) Brevard.....	<u>8</u> 7
15 (6) Broward.....	<u>26</u> 25
16 <u>(15)</u> (16) Duval.....	<u>15</u> 14
17 <u>(28)</u> (29) Hillsborough.....	<u>15</u> 14
18 <u>(35)</u> (36) Lee.....	<u>7</u> 6
19 <u>(43)</u> (13) <u>Miami-Dade</u> Dade	<u>41</u>
20 (46) Okaloosa.....	<u>3</u> 2
21 (48) Orange.....	<u>15</u> 14
22 (51) Pasco.....	<u>4</u> 3
23 (52) Pinellas.....	<u>14</u> 13
24 (53) Polk.....	<u>9</u> 8
25 (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. In addition to the funding provided in the
30 General Appropriations Act for the 2001-2002 fiscal year for
31 creating 26 additional judgeships, effective January 1, 2002,

1 the sum of \$119,702 is appropriated from the General Revenue
2 Fund and 2 additional positions are authorized in the state
3 courts system for the additional judgeships created by this
4 act. It is the intent of the Legislature that this
5 appropriation be annualized in the following fiscal year.

6 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
7 law.

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