

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; amending s. 35.06,
7 F.S.; increasing the number of justices in
8 specified district courts of appeal; providing
9 for appointment by the Governor; providing an
10 effective date.

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

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

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

| 19 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT | TOTAL |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 20 (1) First..... | 21 |
| 21 (2) Second..... | 15 |
| 22 (3) Third..... | 6 |
| 23 (4) Fourth..... | 31 |
| 24 (5) Fifth..... | <u>27</u> 23 |
| 25 (6) Sixth..... | <u>42</u> 40 |
| 26 (7) Seventh..... | <u>25</u> 23 |
| 27 (8) Eighth..... | <u>12</u> 11 |
| 28 (9) Ninth..... | <u>39</u> 36 |
| 29 (10) Tenth..... | <u>22</u> 20 |
| 30 (11) Eleventh..... | <u>77</u> 72 |
| 31 (12) Twelfth..... | 18 |

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| 1 | (13) Thirteenth..... | <u>38</u> | 36 |
| 2 | (14) Fourteenth..... | <u>10</u> | 9 |
| 3 | (15) Fifteenth..... | <u>36</u> | 33 |
| 4 | (16) Sixteenth..... | | 4 |
| 5 | (17) Seventeenth..... | <u>56</u> | 51 |
| 6 | (18) Eighteenth..... | <u>24</u> | 23 |
| 7 | (19) Nineteenth..... | | 15 |
| 8 | (20) Twentieth..... | <u>25</u> | 22 |
| 9 | Section 2. Section 34.022, Florida Statutes, is | | |
| 10 | amended to read: | | |
| 11 | 34.022 Number of county court judges for each | | |
| 12 | county.--The number of county court judges in each county | | |
| 13 | shall be as follows: | | |
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| 15 | COUNTY | | TOTAL |
| 16 | (1) Alachua..... | | 5 |
| 17 | (2) Baker..... | | 1 |
| 18 | (3) Bay..... | <u>4</u> | 3 |
| 19 | (4) Bradford..... | | 1 |
| 20 | (5) Brevard..... | | 8 |
| 21 | (6) Broward..... | <u>29</u> | 26 |
| 22 | (7) Calhoun..... | | 1 |
| 23 | (8) Charlotte..... | | 2 |
| 24 | (9) Citrus..... | | 1 |
| 25 | (10) Clay..... | | 2 |
| 26 | (11) Collier..... | <u>4</u> | 3 |
| 27 | (12) Columbia..... | | 1 |
| 28 | (13) DeSoto..... | | 1 |
| 29 | (14) Dixie..... | | 1 |
| 30 | (15) Duval..... | <u>16</u> | 15 |
| 31 | (16) Escambia..... | | 5 |

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| 1 | (17) | Flagler..... | 1 |
| 2 | (18) | Franklin..... | 1 |
| 3 | (19) | Gadsden..... | 1 |
| 4 | (20) | Gilchrist..... | 1 |
| 5 | (21) | Glades..... | 1 |
| 6 | (22) | Gulf..... | 1 |
| 7 | (23) | Hamilton..... | 1 |
| 8 | (24) | Hardee..... | 1 |
| 9 | (25) | Hendry..... | 1 |
| 10 | (26) | Hernando..... | 1 |
| 11 | (27) | Highlands..... | 1 |
| 12 | (28) | Hillsborough..... | 15 |
| 13 | (29) | Holmes..... | 1 |
| 14 | (30) | Indian River..... | 2 |
| 15 | (31) | Jackson..... | 1 |
| 16 | (32) | Jefferson..... | 1 |
| 17 | (33) | Lafayette..... | 1 |
| 18 | (34) | Lake..... | <u>3</u> 2 |
| 19 | (35) | Lee..... | 7 |
| 20 | (36) | Leon..... | 5 |
| 21 | (37) | Levy..... | 1 |
| 22 | (38) | Liberty..... | 1 |
| 23 | (39) | Madison..... | 1 |
| 24 | (40) | Manatee..... | 3 |
| 25 | (41) | Marion..... | 3 |
| 26 | (42) | Martin..... | 2 |
| 27 | (43) | Miami-Dade..... | 41 |
| 28 | (44) | Monroe..... | 4 |
| 29 | (45) | Nassau..... | 1 |
| 30 | (46) | Okaloosa..... | 3 |
| 31 | (47) | Okeechobee..... | 1 |

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| 1 | (48) | Orange..... | <u>17</u> | 15 |
| 2 | (49) | Osceola..... | | 3 |
| 3 | (50) | Palm Beach..... | <u>19</u> | 17 |
| 4 | (51) | Pasco..... | | 4 |
| 5 | (52) | Pinellas..... | | 14 |
| 6 | (53) | Polk..... | | 9 |
| 7 | (54) | Putnam..... | | 2 |
| 8 | (55) | St. Johns..... | | 2 |
| 9 | (56) | St. Lucie..... | | 3 |
| 10 | (57) | Santa Rosa..... | | 2 |
| 11 | (58) | Sarasota..... | | 5 |
| 12 | (59) | Seminole..... | <u>7</u> | 5 |
| 13 | (60) | Sumter..... | | 1 |
| 14 | (61) | Suwannee..... | | 1 |
| 15 | (62) | Taylor..... | | 1 |
| 16 | (63) | Union..... | | 1 |
| 17 | (64) | Volusia..... | | 9 |
| 18 | (65) | Wakulla..... | | 1 |
| 19 | (66) | Walton..... | | 1 |
| 20 | (67) | Washington..... | | 1 |

21 Section 3. Section 35.06, Florida Statutes, is amended
22 to read:

23 35.06 Organization of district courts of appeal.--A
24 district court of appeal shall be organized in each of the
25 five appellate districts to be named District Court of Appeal,
26 District. The number of judges of each district court of
27 appeal shall be as follows:

- 28 (1) In the first district there shall be 15 judges.
- 29 (2) In the second district there shall be 15 ~~14~~
30 judges.
- 31 (3) In the third district there shall be 11 judges.

1 (4) In the fourth district there shall be 13 ~~±2~~
2 judges.

3 (5) In the fifth district there shall be 10 judges.

4 Section 4. The judges filling new offices created by
5 this act shall be appointed by the Governor and shall take
6 office for a term beginning on January 2, 2003.

7 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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SENATE SUMMARY

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Increases the number of judges for specified county
12 courts, judicial circuits, and district courts of appeal.

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