

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Burt

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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.....	21
(2) Second.....	15
(3) Third.....	6
(4) Fourth.....	31
(5) Fifth.....	<u>24</u> <del>23</del>
(6) Sixth.....	40
(7) Seventh.....	23
(8) Eighth.....	<u>12</u> <del>11</del>
(9) Ninth.....	<u>37</u> <del>36</del>
(10) Tenth.....	<u>21</u> <del>20</del>
(11) Eleventh.....	<u>73</u> <del>72</del>
(12) Twelfth.....	18
(13) Thirteenth.....	<u>37</u> <del>36</del>
(14) Fourteenth.....	9

1	(15) Fifteenth.....	33
2	(16) Sixteenth.....	4
3	(17) Seventeenth.....	51
4	(18) Eighteenth.....	23
5	(19) Nineteenth.....	15
6	(20) Twentieth.....	<u>23</u> <del>22</del>
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:	
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13	COUNTY	TOTAL
14	(1) Alachua.....	5
15	(2) Baker.....	1
16	(3) Bay.....	3
17	(4) Bradford.....	1
18	(5) Brevard.....	8
19	(6) Broward.....	<u>27</u> <del>26</del>
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) DeSoto.....	1
27	(14) Dixie.....	1
28	(15) Duval.....	<u>16</u> <del>15</del>
29	(16) Escambia.....	5
30	(17) Flagler.....	1
31	(18) Franklin.....	1

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

1	(50)	Palm Beach.....	<u>18</u>	<del>17</del>
2	(51)	Pasco.....	4	
3	(52)	Pinellas.....	14	
4	(53)	Polk.....	9	
5	(54)	Putnam.....	2	
6	(55)	St. Johns.....	2	
7	(56)	St. Lucie.....	3	
8	(57)	Santa Rosa.....	2	
9	(58)	Sarasota.....	5	
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 October 1, 2002.

22 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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24 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
25 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
26 Senate Bill 1654

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27 -- The Committee Substitute reduces the number of new  
28 circuit judge positions from 34 to 7, reduces the number  
29 of new county judge positions from 13 to 3, and  
eliminates the two district court of appeal judicial  
positions.

30 -- The date for the creation of the judicial positions is  
31 changed from January 2, 2003 to October 1, 2002.