

By the Committees on Appropriations; 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> 23
(6) Sixth.....	40
(7) Seventh.....	23
(8) Eighth.....	<u>12</u> 11
(9) Ninth.....	<u>37</u> 36
(10) Tenth.....	<u>21</u> 20
(11) Eleventh.....	<u>73</u> 72
(12) Twelfth.....	18
(13) Thirteenth.....	<u>37</u> 36
(14) Fourteenth.....	9

1	(15) Fifteenth.....	33
2	(16) Sixteenth.....	4
3	(17) Seventeenth.....	<u>52</u> 51
4	(18) Eighteenth.....	23
5	(19) Nineteenth.....	15
6	(20) Twentieth.....	<u>23</u> 22
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.....	26
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> 15
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> 17
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 CS/SB 1654

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27 Adds one circuit judge in the 17th Judicial Circuit (Broward
28 County) and deletes one county judge in Broward County.

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