

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 election; amending s. 35.06, F.S.; increasing
 8 the number of judges in specified district
 9 courts of appeal; providing for appointment by
 10 the Governor; providing effective dates.

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

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 14 Section 1. Effective January 7, 2003, section 26.031,
 15 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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19 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
20 (1) First.....	21
21 (2) Second.....	15
22 (3) Third.....	6
23 (4) Fourth.....	31
24 (5) Fifth.....	<u>24</u> 23
25 (6) Sixth.....	40
26 (7) Seventh.....	23
27 (8) Eighth.....	<u>12</u> 11
28 (9) Ninth.....	<u>37</u> 36
29 (10) Tenth.....	<u>21</u> 20
30 (11) Eleventh.....	<u>73</u> 72
31 (12) Twelfth.....	18

1 (13) Thirteenth.....37 ~~36~~
2 (14) Fourteenth..... 9
3 (15) Fifteenth.....33
4 (16) Sixteenth..... 4
5 (17) Seventeenth.....52 ~~51~~
6 (18) Eighteenth.....23
7 (19) Nineteenth.....15
8 (20) Twentieth.....23 ~~22~~

9 Section 2. Effective January 7, 2003, section 34.022,
10 Florida Statutes, is 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:

15 COUNTY	TOTAL
16 (1) Alachua.....	5
17 (2) Baker.....	1
18 (3) Bay.....	3
19 (4) Bradford.....	1
20 (5) Brevard.....	8
21 (6) Broward.....	26
22 (7) Calhoun.....	1
23 (8) Charlotte.....	2
24 (9) Citrus.....	1
25 (10) Clay.....	2
26 (11) Collier.....	3
27 (12) Columbia.....	1
28 (13) DeSoto.....	1
29 (14) Dixie.....	1
30 (15) Duval.....	<u>16</u> 15
31 (16) Escambia.....	5

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.....	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

1 (48) Orange.....15
2 (49) Osceola.....3
3 (50) Palm Beach.....18 ~~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.....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. The circuit and county court judges filling
22 new offices created by this act shall be elected in 2002
23 according to the procedure prescribed in chapter 105, Florida
24 Statutes, and shall take office on January 7, 2003. This
25 section shall take effect upon this act becoming a law.

26 Section 4. Effective January 1, 2003, section 35.06,
27 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

28 35.06 Organization of district courts of appeal.--A
29 district court of appeal shall be organized in each of the
30 five appellate districts to be named District Court of Appeal,
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1 District. The number of judges of each district court of
2 appeal shall be as follows:

3 (1) In the first district there shall be 15 judges.

4 (2) In the second district there shall be 15 ~~14~~
5 judges.

6 (3) In the third district there shall be 11 judges.

7 (4) In the fourth district there shall be 13 ~~12~~
8 judges.

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

10 Section 5. The judges filling new district court of
11 appeal offices created by this act shall be appointed by the
12 Governor and shall take office for a term beginning on January
13 1, 2003.

14 Section 6. Except as otherwise expressly provided in
15 this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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