

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; providing for
 5 appointment by the Governor; providing an
 6 effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Section 26.031, Florida Statutes, is
 11 amended to read:

12 26.031 Judicial circuits; number of judges.--The
 13 number of circuit judges in each circuit shall be as follows:

15 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
16 (1) First.....	21
17 (2) Second.....	15
18 (3) Third.....	6
19 (4) Fourth.....	31
20 (5) Fifth.....	<u>24</u> 23
21 (6) Sixth.....	<u>41</u> 40
22 (7) Seventh.....	<u>24</u> 23
23 (8) Eighth.....	11
24 (9) Ninth.....	<u>37</u> 36
25 (10) Tenth.....	<u>21</u> 20
26 (11) Eleventh.....	<u>73</u> 72
27 (12) Twelfth.....	18
28 (13) Thirteenth.....	36
29 (14) Fourteenth.....	9
30 (15) Fifteenth.....	<u>34</u> 33
31 (16) Sixteenth.....	4

1 (17) Seventeenth.....52 ~~51~~

2 (18) Eighteenth.....23

3 (19) Nineteenth.....15

4 (20) Twentieth.....23 ~~22~~

5 Section 2. The judges filling new offices created by
6 this act shall be appointed by the Governor and shall take
7 office for a term beginning on March 1, 2003.

8 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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