Florida Senate - 2002

SB 32-E

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; providing for
5	election or appointment by the Governor;
6	providing an 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 judgesThe
13	number of circuit judges in each circuit shall be as follows:
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15	JUDICIAL CIRCUIT TOTAL
16	(1) First21
17	(2) Second15
18	(3) Third 6
19	(4) Fourth
20	(5) Fifth
21	(6) Sixth <u>41</u> 40
22	(7) Seventh
23	(8) Eighth <u>12</u> 11
24	(9) Ninth
25	(10) Tenth
26	(11) Eleventh
27	(12) Twelfth <u>19</u> 18
28	(13) Thirteenth
29	(14) Fourteenth 9
30	(15) Fifteenth
31	(16) Sixteenth 4
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1	(17) Seventeenth
2	(18) Eighteenth
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4	(20) Twentieth
5	Section 2. (1) The judicial offices created by this
б	act for the fifth, seventh, tenth, twelfth, seventeenth, and
7	twentieth judicial circuits shall be filled by election in
8	2002 pursuant to chapter 105, Florida Statutes. Candidates for
9	those judicial offices shall qualify as provided in chapter
10	105, Florida Statutes, no earlier than noon on July 22, 2002,
11	and no later than noon on July 26, 2002. Judges elected to
12	office as provided in this subsection shall take office for a
13	term beginning March 1, 2003, and expiring on the first
14	Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the 6th year of
15	the term following the date of election. For purposes of these
16	judicial offices filled by election, a vacancy does not occur
17	until March 1, 2003.
18	(2) The judicial offices created by this act for the
19	sixth, eighth, ninth, eleventh, thirteenth, fifteenth, and
20	eighteenth judicial circuits shall be filled through
21	appointment by the Governor. Judges appointed as provided in
22	this subsection shall take office for a term beginning on
23	March 1, 2003.
24	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.
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27	SENATE SUMMARY
28	Increases the number of judges for specified judicial circuits. Provides for the election or appointment of
29	such judges. (See bill for details.)
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