

By Senator Villalobos

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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 their election; amending s. 34.022, F.S.;
6 increasing the number of judges in specified
7 county courts; providing for their election;
8 amending s. 35.06, F.S.; increasing the number
9 of judges in specified district courts of
10 appeal; providing for their appointment by the
11 Governor; providing effective dates.

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

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15 Section 1. Effective January 3, 2005, section 26.031,
16 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
21 (1) First.....	<u>24</u> 21
22 (2) Second.....	15
23 (3) Third.....	<u>7</u> 6
24 (4) Fourth.....	<u>33</u> 31
25 (5) Fifth.....	<u>31</u> 25
26 (6) Sixth.....	<u>44</u> 41
27 (7) Seventh.....	<u>26</u> 24
28 (8) Eighth.....	<u>13</u> 12
29 (9) Ninth.....	<u>43</u> 38
30 (10) Tenth.....	<u>24</u> 22
31 (11) Eleventh.....	<u>80</u> 74

1	(12) Twelfth.....	19
2	(13) Thirteenth.....	<u>41</u> 37
3	(14) Fourteenth.....	<u>10</u> 9
4	(15) Fifteenth.....	<u>37</u> 34
5	(16) Sixteenth.....	4
6	(17) Seventeenth.....	<u>59</u> 53
7	(18) Eighteenth.....	24
8	(19) Nineteenth.....	<u>18</u> 15
9	(20) Twentieth.....	<u>26</u> 23
10	Section 2. Effective January 3, 2005, section 34.022,	
11	Florida Statutes, is amended to read:	
12	34.022 Number of county court judges for each	
13	county.--The number of county court judges in each county	
14	shall be as follows:	
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16	COUNTY	TOTAL
17	(1) Alachua.....	5
18	(2) Baker.....	1
19	(3) Bay.....	<u>4</u> 3
20	(4) Bradford.....	1
21	(5) Brevard.....	<u>10</u> 8
22	(6) Broward.....	<u>32</u> 26
23	(7) Calhoun.....	1
24	(8) Charlotte.....	2
25	(9) Citrus.....	1
26	(10) Clay.....	2
27	(11) Collier.....	<u>4</u> 3
28	(12) Columbia.....	<u>2</u> 1
29	(13) DeSoto.....	1
30	(14) Dixie.....	1
31	(15) Duval.....	<u>16</u> 15

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

1	(47)	Okeechobee.....	1
2	(48)	Orange.....	<u>19</u> 15
3	(49)	Osceola.....	3
4	(50)	Palm Beach.....	<u>20</u> 17
5	(51)	Pasco.....	<u>5</u> 4
6	(52)	Pinellas.....	<u>16</u> 14
7	(53)	Polk.....	9
8	(54)	Putnam.....	2
9	(55)	St. Johns.....	2
10	(56)	St. Lucie.....	<u>4</u> 3
11	(57)	Santa Rosa.....	2
12	(58)	Sarasota.....	5
13	(59)	Seminole.....	<u>6</u> 5
14	(60)	Sumter.....	1
15	(61)	Suwannee.....	1
16	(62)	Taylor.....	1
17	(63)	Union.....	1
18	(64)	Volusia.....	<u>10</u> 9
19	(65)	Wakulla.....	1
20	(66)	Walton.....	1
21	(67)	Washington.....	1

22 Section 3. The circuit and county court judges filling
23 new offices created by this act shall be elected in 2004
24 according to the procedure prescribed in chapter 105, Florida
25 Statutes, and shall take office on January 3, 2005.

26 Section 4. Effective January 1, 2005, 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 16 ~~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 11 ~~10~~ judges.

10 Section 5. The judges filling new district courts 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, 2005. This section shall take effect July 1, 2004.

14 Section 6. Except as otherwise expressly provided in
15 this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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18 SENATE SUMMARY

19 Increases the number of judges in specified county
20 courts, circuit courts, and district courts of appeal and
21 provides for their selection.

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