

By the Committees on Justice Appropriations; Judiciary; and
Senator Crist

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to judges; amending s. 26.031,
3 F.S.; revising the number of circuit court
4 judges in certain circuits; amending s. 34.022,
5 F.S.; revising the number of county court
6 judges in certain counties; amending s. 35.06,
7 F.S.; revising the number of district court
8 judges in certain district courts of appeal;
9 providing for appointment or election of new
10 judges created by the act; providing effective
11 dates.

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

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15 Section 1. Section 26.031, Florida Statutes, is
16 amended to read:

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

20 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
21 (1) First.....	<u>22</u> 21
22 (2) Second.....	<u>16</u> 15
23 (3) Third.....	6
24 (4) Fourth.....	31
25 (5) Fifth.....	<u>26</u> 25
26 (6) Sixth.....	<u>42</u> 41
27 (7) Seventh.....	24
28 (8) Eighth.....	12
29 (9) Ninth.....	38
30 (10) Tenth.....	<u>23</u> 22
31 (11) Eleventh.....	<u>75</u> 74

1	(12) Twelfth.....	19
2	(13) Thirteenth.....	<u>39</u> 37
3	(14) Fourteenth.....	9
4	(15) Fifteenth.....	34
5	(16) Sixteenth.....	4
6	(17) Seventeenth.....	<u>54</u> 53
7	(18) Eighteenth.....	24
8	(19) Nineteenth.....	15
9	(20) Twentieth.....	<u>24</u> 23
10	Section 2. Effective June 1, 2006, section 26.031,	
11	Florida Statutes, as amended by this act, is amended to read:	
12	26.031 Judicial circuits; number of judges.--The	
13	number of circuit judges in each circuit shall be as follows:	
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15	JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
16	(1) First.....	22
17	(2) Second.....	16
18	(3) Third.....	6
19	(4) Fourth.....	31
20	(5) Fifth.....	<u>28</u> 26
21	(6) Sixth.....	<u>43</u> 42
22	(7) Seventh.....	24
23	(8) Eighth.....	12
24	(9) Ninth.....	<u>39</u> 38
25	(10) Tenth.....	<u>24</u> 23
26	(11) Eleventh.....	<u>77</u> 75
27	(12) Twelfth.....	19
28	(13) Thirteenth.....	<u>40</u> 39
29	(14) Fourteenth.....	9
30	(15) Fifteenth.....	34
31	(16) Sixteenth.....	4

1 (17) Seventeenth.....56 54
2 (18) Eighteenth.....24
3 (19) Nineteenth.....15
4 (20) Twentieth.....24

5 Section 3. Section 34.022, Florida Statutes, is
6 amended to read:

7 34.022 Number of county court judges for each
8 county.--The number of county court judges in each county
9 shall be as follows:

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COUNTY	TOTAL
(1) Alachua.....	5
(2) Baker.....	1
(3) Bay.....	3
(4) Bradford.....	1
(5) Brevard.....	<u>9</u> 8
(6) Broward.....	<u>27</u> 26
(7) Calhoun.....	1
(8) Charlotte.....	2
(9) Citrus.....	1
(10) Clay.....	2
(11) Collier.....	3
(12) Columbia.....	1
(13) DeSoto.....	1
(14) Dixie.....	1
(15) Duval.....	<u>16</u> 15
(16) Escambia.....	5
(17) Flagler.....	1
(18) Franklin.....	1
(19) Gadsden.....	1
(20) Gilchrist.....	1

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

1	(52)	Pinellas.....	<u>15</u>	14
2	(53)	Polk.....	9	
3	(54)	Putnam.....	2	
4	(55)	St. Johns.....	2	
5	(56)	St. Lucie.....	3	
6	(57)	Santa Rosa.....	2	
7	(58)	Sarasota.....	5	
8	(59)	Seminole.....	5	
9	(60)	Sumter.....	1	
10	(61)	Suwannee.....	1	
11	(62)	Taylor.....	1	
12	(63)	Union.....	1	
13	(64)	Volusia.....	9	
14	(65)	Wakulla.....	1	
15	(66)	Walton.....	1	
16	(67)	Washington.....	1	

17 Section 4. Effective June 1, 2006, section 34.022,
18 Florida Statutes, as amended by this act, is amended to read:
19 34.022 Number of county court judges for each
20 county.--The number of county court judges in each county
21 shall be as follows:

23	COUNTY	TOTAL
24	(1) Alachua.....	5
25	(2) Baker.....	1
26	(3) Bay.....	3
27	(4) Bradford.....	1
28	(5) Brevard.....	<u>10</u> 9
29	(6) Broward.....	<u>29</u> 27
30	(7) Calhoun.....	1
31	(8) Charlotte.....	2

1	(9) Citrus.....	1
2	(10) Clay.....	2
3	(11) Collier.....	3
4	(12) Columbia.....	1
5	(13) DeSoto.....	1
6	(14) Dixie.....	1
7	(15) Duval.....	16
8	(16) Escambia.....	5
9	(17) Flagler.....	1
10	(18) Franklin.....	1
11	(19) Gadsden.....	1
12	(20) Gilchrist.....	1
13	(21) Glades.....	1
14	(22) Gulf.....	1
15	(23) Hamilton.....	1
16	(24) Hardee.....	1
17	(25) Hendry.....	1
18	(26) Hernando.....	1
19	(27) Highlands.....	1
20	(28) Hillsborough.....	<u>17</u> 16
21	(29) Holmes.....	1
22	(30) Indian River.....	2
23	(31) Jackson.....	1
24	(32) Jefferson.....	1
25	(33) Lafayette.....	1
26	(34) Lake.....	2
27	(35) Lee.....	7
28	(36) Leon.....	5
29	(37) Levy.....	1
30	(38) Liberty.....	1
31	(39) Madison.....	1

1	(40)	Manatee.....	3
2	(41)	Marion.....	3
3	(42)	Martin.....	2
4	(43)	Miami-Dade.....	41
5	(44)	Monroe.....	4
6	(45)	Nassau.....	1
7	(46)	Okaloosa.....	3
8	(47)	Okeechobee.....	1
9	(48)	Orange.....	15
10	(49)	Osceola.....	3
11	(50)	Palm Beach.....	17
12	(51)	Pasco.....	<u>6</u> 5
13	(52)	Pinellas.....	<u>16</u> 15
14	(53)	Polk.....	9
15	(54)	Putnam.....	2
16	(55)	St. Johns.....	2
17	(56)	St. Lucie.....	3
18	(57)	Santa Rosa.....	2
19	(58)	Sarasota.....	5
20	(59)	Seminole.....	5
21	(60)	Sumter.....	1
22	(61)	Suwannee.....	1
23	(62)	Taylor.....	1
24	(63)	Union.....	1
25	(64)	Volusia.....	9
26	(65)	Wakulla.....	1
27	(66)	Walton.....	1
28	(67)	Washington.....	1
29		Section 5. Section 35.06, Florida Statutes, is amended	
30		to read:	
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1 35.06 Organization of district courts of appeal.--A
2 district court of appeal shall be organized in each of the
3 five appellate districts to be named District Court of Appeal,
4 District. The number of judges of each district court of
5 appeal shall be as follows:

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

7 (2) In the second district there shall be 15 ~~14~~
8 judges.

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

10 (4) In the fourth district there shall be 12 judges.

11 (5) In the fifth district there shall be 11 ~~10~~ judges.

12 Section 6. (1) The judicial offices created in
13 sections 1 and 3 of this act shall be filled through
14 appointment by the Governor. Judges appointed as provided in
15 this subsection shall take office for a term beginning on
16 January 2, 2006.

17 (2) The judicial offices created in sections 2 and 4
18 of this act may not be appointed by the Governor but shall be
19 filled by election in 2006 pursuant to chapter 105, Florida
20 Statutes. Candidates for those judicial offices shall qualify
21 as provided in chapter 105, Florida Statutes.

22 Section 7. Except as otherwise expressly provided in
23 this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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25 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
26 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
27 CS for SB 2048

28 The committee substitute reduces the number of new judges from
29 110 to 34. The committee substitute creates 2 new DCA judges,
30 20 circuit court judges, and 12 county court judges.