

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; providing
7 appropriations and authorizing positions;
8 providing effective dates.

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

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12 Section 1. Effective November 2, 2005, section 26.031,
13 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 26.031 Judicial circuits; number of judges.--The
15 number of circuit judges in each circuit shall be as follows:

| 17 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 18 (1) First..... | <u>22</u> 21 |
| 19 (2) Second..... | <u>16</u> 15 |
| 20 (3) Third..... | 6 |
| 21 (4) Fourth..... | 31 |
| 22 (5) Fifth..... | <u>27</u> 25 |
| 23 (6) Sixth..... | <u>42</u> 41 |
| 24 (7) Seventh..... | <u>25</u> 24 |
| 25 (8) Eighth..... | <u>13</u> 12 |
| 26 (9) Ninth..... | <u>39</u> 38 |
| 27 (10) Tenth..... | <u>24</u> 22 |
| 28 (11) Eleventh..... | <u>76</u> 74 |
| 29 (12) Twelfth..... | 19 |
| 30 (13) Thirteenth..... | <u>39</u> 37 |
| 31 (14) Fourteenth..... | 9 |

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| 1 | (15) Fifteenth..... | <u>35</u> | 34 |
| 2 | (16) Sixteenth..... | | 4 |
| 3 | (17) Seventeenth..... | <u>54</u> | 53 |
| 4 | (18) Eighteenth..... | | 24 |
| 5 | (19) Nineteenth..... | <u>17</u> | 15 |
| 6 | (20) Twentieth..... | | 23 |
| 7 | Section 2. Effective January 2, 2006, section 26.031, | | |
| 8 | Florida Statutes, as amended by this act, is amended to read: | | |
| 9 | 26.031 Judicial circuits; number of judges.--The | | |
| 10 | number of circuit judges in each circuit shall be as follows: | | |
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| 12 | JUDICIAL CIRCUIT | | TOTAL |
| 13 | (1) First..... | | 22 |
| 14 | (2) Second..... | | 16 |
| 15 | (3) Third..... | <u>7</u> | 6 |
| 16 | (4) Fourth..... | <u>32</u> | 31 |
| 17 | (5) Fifth..... | <u>28</u> | 27 |
| 18 | (6) Sixth..... | <u>44</u> | 42 |
| 19 | (7) Seventh..... | <u>26</u> | 25 |
| 20 | (8) Eighth..... | | 13 |
| 21 | (9) Ninth..... | <u>40</u> | 39 |
| 22 | (10) Tenth..... | <u>26</u> | 24 |
| 23 | (11) Eleventh..... | <u>77</u> | 76 |
| 24 | (12) Twelfth..... | | 19 |
| 25 | (13) Thirteenth..... | <u>41</u> | 39 |
| 26 | (14) Fourteenth..... | <u>10</u> | 9 |
| 27 | (15) Fifteenth..... | | 35 |
| 28 | (16) Sixteenth..... | | 4 |
| 29 | (17) Seventeenth..... | <u>56</u> | 54 |
| 30 | (18) Eighteenth..... | <u>25</u> | 24 |
| 31 | (19) Nineteenth..... | <u>18</u> | 17 |

1 (20) Twentieth.....23

2 Section 3. Effective November 1, 2005, section 34.022,

3 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

4 34.022 Number of county court judges for each

5 county.--The number of county court judges in each county

6 shall be as follows:

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

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| 1 | (24) | Hardee..... | 1 |
| 2 | (25) | Hendry..... | 1 |
| 3 | (26) | Hernando..... | <u>2</u> 1 |
| 4 | (27) | Highlands..... | 1 |
| 5 | (28) | Hillsborough..... | <u>16</u> 15 |
| 6 | (29) | Holmes..... | 1 |
| 7 | (30) | Indian River..... | 2 |
| 8 | (31) | Jackson..... | 1 |
| 9 | (32) | Jefferson..... | 1 |
| 10 | (33) | Lafayette..... | 1 |
| 11 | (34) | Lake..... | 2 |
| 12 | (35) | Lee..... | 7 |
| 13 | (36) | Leon..... | 5 |
| 14 | (37) | Levy..... | 1 |
| 15 | (38) | Liberty..... | 1 |
| 16 | (39) | Madison..... | 1 |
| 17 | (40) | Manatee..... | <u>4</u> 3 |
| 18 | (41) | Marion..... | <u>4</u> 3 |
| 19 | (42) | Martin..... | 2 |
| 20 | (43) | Miami-Dade..... | 41 |
| 21 | (44) | Monroe..... | 4 |
| 22 | (45) | Nassau..... | 1 |
| 23 | (46) | Okaloosa..... | 3 |
| 24 | (47) | Okeechobee..... | 1 |
| 25 | (48) | Orange..... | <u>16</u> 15 |
| 26 | (49) | Osceola..... | 3 |
| 27 | (50) | Palm Beach..... | 17 |
| 28 | (51) | Pasco..... | 4 |
| 29 | (52) | Pinellas..... | <u>15</u> 14 |
| 30 | (53) | Polk..... | 9 |
| 31 | (54) | Putnam..... | 2 |

1 (55) St. Johns.....2
 2 (56) St. Lucie.....4 ~~3~~
 3 (57) Santa Rosa.....2
 4 (58) Sarasota.....5
 5 (59) Seminole.....5
 6 (60) Sumter.....1
 7 (61) Suwannee.....1
 8 (62) Taylor.....1
 9 (63) Union.....1
 10 (64) Volusia.....9
 11 (65) Wakulla.....1
 12 (66) Walton.....1
 13 (67) Washington.....1

14 Section 4. Effective January 2, 2006, section 34.022,
 15 Florida Statutes, as amended by this act, is amended to read:

16 34.022 Number of county court judges for each
 17 county.--The number of county court judges in each county
 18 shall be as follows:

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| 20 COUNTY | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 21 (1) Alachua..... | 5 |
| 22 (2) Baker..... | 1 |
| 23 (3) Bay..... | 4 |
| 24 (4) Bradford..... | 1 |
| 25 (5) Brevard..... | <u>9</u> 8 |
| 26 (6) Broward..... | <u>28</u> 27 |
| 27 (7) Calhoun..... | 1 |
| 28 (8) Charlotte..... | 2 |
| 29 (9) Citrus..... | 1 |
| 30 (10) Clay..... | 2 |
| 31 (11) Collier..... | 3 |

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

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| 1 | (43) | Miami-Dade..... | <u>42</u> | 41 |
| 2 | (44) | Monroe..... | 4 | |
| 3 | (45) | Nassau..... | 1 | |
| 4 | (46) | Okaloosa..... | 3 | |
| 5 | (47) | Okeechobee..... | 1 | |
| 6 | (48) | Orange..... | 16 | |
| 7 | (49) | Osceola..... | 3 | |
| 8 | (50) | Palm Beach..... | <u>18</u> | 17 |
| 9 | (51) | Pasco..... | <u>5</u> | 4 |
| 10 | (52) | Pinellas..... | 15 | |
| 11 | (53) | Polk..... | 9 | |
| 12 | (54) | Putnam..... | 2 | |
| 13 | (55) | St. Johns..... | 2 | |
| 14 | (56) | St. Lucie..... | 4 | |
| 15 | (57) | Santa Rosa..... | 2 | |
| 16 | (58) | Sarasota..... | 5 | |
| 17 | (59) | Seminole..... | <u>6</u> | 5 |
| 18 | (60) | Sumter..... | 1 | |
| 19 | (61) | Suwannee..... | 1 | |
| 20 | (62) | Taylor..... | 1 | |
| 21 | (63) | Union..... | 1 | |
| 22 | (64) | Volusia..... | <u>10</u> | 9 |
| 23 | (65) | Wakulla..... | 1 | |
| 24 | (66) | Walton..... | 1 | |
| 25 | (67) | Washington..... | 1 | |

26 Section 5. The sums of \$8,203,458 in recurring funds
27 and \$306,659 in nonrecurring funds are appropriated from the
28 General Revenue Fund to the circuit and county courts for
29 fiscal year 2005-2006, and 120 full-time positions are
30 authorized.

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