

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the judiciary; amending s. 26.031,
 3 F.S.; increasing the number of judges in specified
 4 judicial circuits; amending s. 34.022, F.S.; increasing
 5 the number of judges in specified county courts; providing
 6 that the act does not preclude the Governor from
 7 simultaneously notifying any judicial nominating
 8 commission of any vacancies created in this act, whether
 9 or not the vacancies may be filled on the same date;
 10 providing effective dates.

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

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 14 Section 1. Subsections (1), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10),
 15 (11), (13), (17), (18), (19), and (20) of section 26.031,
 16 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
(1) First.....	<u>22</u> 21
(5) Fifth.....	<u>27</u> 25
(6) Sixth.....	<u>42</u> 41
(7) Seventh.....	<u>25</u> 24
(9) Ninth.....	<u>39</u> 38
(10) Tenth.....	<u>24</u> 22
(11) Eleventh.....	<u>76</u> 74
(13) Thirteenth.....	<u>39</u> 37

29 (17) Seventeenth.....55 ~~53~~
 30 (18) Eighteenth.....25 ~~24~~
 31 (19) Nineteenth.....17 ~~15~~
 32 (20) Twentieth.....26 ~~23~~

33 Section 2. Effective January 1, 2006, subsections (1),
 34 (2), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (13), (14), (15),
 35 (17), and (19) of section 26.031, Florida Statutes, as amended
 36 by this act, are amended to read:

37 26.031 Judicial circuits; number of judges.--The number of
 38 circuit judges in each circuit shall be as follows:

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
41 (1) First.....	<u>23</u> 22
42 (2) Second.....	<u>16</u> 15
43 (5) Fifth.....	<u>29</u> 27
44 (6) Sixth.....	<u>44</u> 42
45 (7) Seventh.....	<u>26</u> 25
46 (8) Eighth.....	<u>13</u> 12
47 (9) Ninth.....	<u>41</u> 39
48 (10) Tenth.....	<u>26</u> 24
49 (11) Eleventh.....	<u>78</u> 76
50 (13) Thirteenth.....	<u>41</u> 39
51 (14) Fourteenth.....	<u>10</u> 9
52 (15) Fifteenth.....	<u>35</u> 34
53 (17) Seventeenth.....	<u>57</u> 55
54 (19) Nineteenth.....	<u>19</u> 17

55 Section 3. Effective April 1, 2006, subsections (1), (2),
 56 (4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (11), (13), (17), and (18) of

57 | section 26.031, Florida Statutes, as amended by this act, are
 58 | amended to read:

59 | 26.031 Judicial circuits; number of judges.--The number of
 60 | circuit judges in each circuit shall be as follows:

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62 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
63 (1) First.....	<u>24</u> 23
64 (2) Second.....	<u>17</u> 16
65 (4) Fourth.....	<u>34</u> 31
66 (5) Fifth.....	<u>32</u> 29
67 (6) Sixth.....	<u>46</u> 44
68 (7) Seventh.....	<u>28</u> 26
69 (9) Ninth.....	<u>43</u> 41
70 (10) Tenth.....	<u>29</u> 26
71 (11) Eleventh.....	<u>81</u> 78
72 (13) Thirteenth.....	<u>43</u> 41
73 (17) Seventeenth.....	<u>59</u> 57
74 (18) Eighteenth.....	<u>26</u> 25

75 | Section 4. Effective January 1, 2006, subsections (3),
 76 | (5), (6), (11), (12), (26), (28), (34), (35), (40), (41), (42),
 77 | (43), (48), (50), (51), (52), (56), (59), and (64) of section
 78 | 34.022, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

79 | 34.022 Number of county court judges for each county.--The
 80 | number of county court judges in each county shall be as
 81 | follows:

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83 COUNTY	TOTAL
84 (3) Bay.....	<u>4</u> 3

85	(5) Brevard.....	<u>10</u>	8
86	(6) Broward.....	<u>29</u>	26
87	(11) Collier.....	<u>4</u>	3
88	(12) Columbia.....	<u>2</u>	1
89	(26) Hernando.....	<u>2</u>	1
90	(28) Hillsborough.....	<u>17</u>	15
91	(34) Lake.....	<u>3</u>	2
92	(35) Lee.....	<u>8</u>	7
93	(40) Manatee.....	<u>4</u>	3
94	(41) Marion.....	<u>4</u>	3
95	(42) Martin.....	<u>3</u>	2
96	(43) Miami-Dade.....	<u>42</u>	41
97	(48) Orange.....	<u>17</u>	15
98	(50) Palm Beach.....	<u>18</u>	17
99	(51) Pasco.....	<u>5</u>	4
100	(52) Pinellas.....	<u>16</u>	14
101	(56) St. Lucie.....	<u>4</u>	3
102	(59) Seminole.....	<u>6</u>	5
103	(64) Volusia.....	<u>10</u>	9

104 Section 5. Effective March 1, 2006, subsections (5), (6),
 105 (11), (28), (41), (43), (48), (50), (51), and (52) of section
 106 34.022, Florida Statutes, as amended by this act, are amended to
 107 read:

108 34.022 Number of county court judges for each county.--The
 109 number of county court judges in each county shall be as
 110 follows:

112	COUNTY	TOTAL
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113 (5) Brevard.....12 ~~10~~
 114 (6) Broward.....32 ~~29~~
 115 (11) Collier.....5 ~~4~~
 116 (28) Hillsborough.....19 ~~17~~
 117 (41) Marion.....5 ~~4~~
 118 (43) Miami-Dade.....43 ~~42~~
 119 (48) Orange.....18 ~~17~~
 120 (50) Palm Beach.....19 ~~18~~
 121 (51) Pasco.....6 ~~5~~
 122 (52) Pinellas.....18 ~~16~~

123 Section 6. Nothing in this act shall preclude the Governor
 124 from simultaneously providing notice to any judicial nominating
 125 commission of any vacancies created in this act, whether or not
 126 the vacancies may be filled on the same date.

127 Section 7. Except as otherwise provided herein, this act
 128 shall take effect October 1, 2005.