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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to judges; amending s. 26.031, F.S.;
 3 revising the number of circuit court judges in certain
 4 circuits; amending s. 34.022, F.S.; revising the number of
 5 county court judges in certain counties; providing for the
 6 election of new circuit and county court judges created by
 7 the act in the 2006 general election; providing qualifying
 8 dates for these positions; providing legislative findings;
 9 providing that the circuit and county court judicial
 10 offices created by the act constitute vacancies in office
 11 for purposes of qualifying for the 2006 general election;
 12 providing appropriations and authorizing positions;
 13 providing an effective date.

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

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 17 Section 1. Section 26.031, Florida Statutes, as amended by
 18 section 2 of chapter 2005-150, Laws of Florida, and section 1 of
 19 chapter 2005-356, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

20 26.031 Judicial circuits; number of judges.--The number of
 21 circuit judges in each circuit shall be as follows:

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
(1) First.....	<u>24</u> 22
(2) Second.....	16
(3) Third.....	7
(4) Fourth.....	<u>35</u> 32

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28 (5) Fifth.....31 ~~28~~
 29 (6) Sixth.....45 ~~44~~
 30 (7) Seventh.....27 ~~26~~
 31 (8) Eighth.....13
 32 (9) Ninth.....43 ~~40~~
 33 (10) Tenth.....28 ~~26~~
 34 (11) Eleventh.....80 ~~77~~
 35 (12) Twelfth.....21 ~~19~~
 36 (13) Thirteenth.....45 ~~41~~
 37 (14) Fourteenth.....11 ~~10~~
 38 (15) Fifteenth.....35
 39 (16) Sixteenth.....4
 40 (17) Seventeenth.....58 ~~56~~
 41 (18) Eighteenth.....26 ~~25~~
 42 (19) Nineteenth.....19 ~~18~~
 43 (20) Twentieth.....31 ~~25~~

44 Section 2. Section 34.022, Florida Statutes, as amended by
 45 section 4 of chapter 2005-150, Laws of Florida, and section 2 of
 46 chapter 2005-356, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

47 34.022 Number of county court judges for each county.--The
 48 number of county court judges in each county shall be as
 49 follows:

51 COUNTY	TOTAL
52 (1) Alachua.....	5
53 (2) Baker.....	1
54 (3) Bay.....	4

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55	(4) Bradford.....	1
56	(5) Brevard.....	<u>11</u> 9
57	(6) Broward.....	<u>32</u> 28
58	(7) Calhoun.....	1
59	(8) Charlotte.....	<u>3</u> 2
60	(9) Citrus.....	1
61	(10) Clay.....	2
62	(11) Collier.....	<u>6</u> 5
63	(12) Columbia.....	1
64	(13) DeSoto.....	1
65	(14) Dixie.....	1
66	(15) Duval.....	<u>17</u> 16
67	(16) Escambia.....	5
68	(17) Flagler.....	1
69	(18) Franklin.....	1
70	(19) Gadsden.....	1
71	(20) Gilchrist.....	1
72	(21) Glades.....	1
73	(22) Gulf.....	1
74	(23) Hamilton.....	1
75	(24) Hardee.....	1
76	(25) Hendry.....	1
77	(26) Hernando.....	2
78	(27) Highlands.....	1
79	(28) Hillsborough.....	17
80	(29) Holmes.....	1
81	(30) Indian River.....	2

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82	(31)	Jackson.....	1
83	(32)	Jefferson.....	1
84	(33)	Lafayette.....	1
85	(34)	Lake.....	3
86	(35)	Lee.....	<u>8</u> 7
87	(36)	Leon.....	5
88	(37)	Levy.....	1
89	(38)	Liberty.....	1
90	(39)	Madison.....	1
91	(40)	Manatee.....	4
92	(41)	Marion.....	4
93	(42)	Martin.....	3
94	(43)	Miami-Dade.....	<u>43</u> 42
95	(44)	Monroe.....	4
96	(45)	Nassau.....	1
97	(46)	Okaloosa.....	3
98	(47)	Okeechobee.....	1
99	(48)	Orange.....	<u>18</u> 16
100	(49)	Osceola.....	<u>4</u> 3
101	(50)	Palm Beach.....	<u>19</u> 18
102	(51)	Pasco.....	<u>7</u> 5
103	(52)	Pinellas.....	<u>17</u> 15
104	(53)	Polk.....	<u>10</u> 9
105	(54)	Putnam.....	2
106	(55)	St. Johns.....	2
107	(56)	St. Lucie.....	4
108	(57)	Santa Rosa.....	2

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109 (58) Sarasota.....5
110 (59) Seminole.....6
111 (60) Sumter.....1
112 (61) Suwannee.....1
113 (62) Taylor.....1
114 (63) Union.....1
115 (64) Volusia.....10
116 (65) Wakulla.....1
117 (66) Walton.....1
118 (67) Washington.....1

119 Section 3. (1) The Governor may not fill the circuit and
120 county court judicial offices created in sections 1 and 2 of
121 this act by appointment, but those offices shall be filled by
122 election in the 2006 general election pursuant to chapter 105,
123 Florida Statutes. Candidates for the circuit and county court
124 judicial offices created in sections 1 and 2 of this act shall
125 qualify as provided in chapter 105, Florida Statutes, except
126 that candidates qualifying under this act shall qualify no
127 earlier than noon of the 50th day, and no later than noon of the
128 46th day, before the primary election.

129 (2) The Legislature finds that an emergency does not exist
130 and the public business does not require immediate appointment
131 of the circuit and county court judicial offices created in
132 sections 1 and 2 of this act.

133 (3) The circuit and county court judicial offices created
134 in sections 1 and 2 of this act constitute vacancies in office
135 for purposes of qualifying for the 2006 general election.

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136 (4) The terms of the circuit and county court judicial
137 offices created in sections 1 and 2 of this act shall begin on
138 January 2, 2007.

139 Section 4. The sums of \$7,029,955 in recurring funds and
140 \$268,402 in nonrecurring funds are appropriated from the General
141 Revenue Fund to the circuit and county courts for the 2006-2007
142 fiscal year and 122 full-time positions and associated rate of
143 10,250,751 are authorized. The sum of \$2,926,000 in recurring
144 funds is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the
145 Justice Administrative Commission for the state attorneys and 55
146 full-time positions and associated rate of 2,107,490 are
147 authorized. From the 55 full-time positions, up to two full-time
148 positions, associated funding, and rate shall be distributed to
149 the state attorney for each judicial office created by this act
150 when assigned to criminal court. The sum of \$1,463,000 in
151 recurring funds is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to
152 the Justice Administrative Commission for the public defenders
153 and 27.5 full-time positions and associated rate of 1,053,745
154 are authorized. From the 27.5 full-time positions, up to one
155 full-time position, associated funding, and rate shall be
156 distributed to the public defender for each judicial office
157 created by this act when assigned to criminal court.

158 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.