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1	(8) Eighth.....	13	
2	(9) Ninth.....	<u>43</u>	<del>40</del>
3	(10) Tenth.....	<u>28</u>	<del>26</del>
4	(11) Eleventh.....	<u>80</u>	<del>77</del>
5	(12) Twelfth.....	<u>21</u>	<del>19</del>
6	(13) Thirteenth.....	<u>45</u>	<del>41</del>
7	(14) Fourteenth.....	<u>11</u>	<del>10</del>
8	(15) Fifteenth.....		35
9	(16) Sixteenth.....		4
10	(17) Seventeenth.....	<u>58</u>	<del>56</del>
11	(18) Eighteenth.....	<u>26</u>	<del>25</del>
12	(19) Nineteenth.....	<u>19</u>	<del>18</del>
13	(20) Twentieth.....	<u>31</u>	<del>25</del>

14 Section 2. Section 34.022, Florida Statutes, as  
 15 amended by section 4 of chapter 2005-150, Laws of Florida, and  
 16 section 2 of chapter 2005-356, Laws of Florida, is amended to  
 17 read:

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

21			
22	COUNTY		TOTAL
23	(1) Alachua.....		5
24	(2) Baker.....		1
25	(3) Bay.....		4
26	(4) Bradford.....		1
27	(5) Brevard.....	<u>11</u>	<del>9</del>
28	(6) Broward.....	<u>32</u>	<del>28</del>
29	(7) Calhoun.....		1
30	(8) Charlotte.....	<u>3</u>	<del>2</del>
31	(9) Citrus.....		1

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

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

28       Section 3. (1) The Governor may not fill the circuit  
29 and county court judicial offices created in sections 1 and 2  
30 of this act by appointment, but those offices shall be filled  
31 by election in the 2006 general election pursuant to chapter

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1 105, Florida Statutes. Candidates for the circuit and county  
 2 court judicial offices created in sections 1 and 2 of this act  
 3 shall qualify as provided in chapter 105, Florida Statutes,  
 4 except that candidates qualifying under this act shall qualify  
 5 no earlier than noon of the 50th day, and no later than noon  
 6 of the 46th day, before the primary election.

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

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

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

18       Section 4. The sums of \$7,029,955 in recurring funds  
 19 and \$268,402 in nonrecurring funds are appropriated from the  
 20 General Revenue Fund to the circuit and county courts for the  
 21 2006-2007 fiscal year and 122 full-time positions and  
 22 associated rate of 10,250,751 are authorized. The sum of  
 23 \$2,926,000 in recurring funds is appropriated from the General  
 24 Revenue Fund to the Justice Administrative Commission for the  
 25 state attorneys and 55 full-time positions and associated rate  
 26 of 2,107,490 are authorized. From the 55 full-time positions,  
 27 up to two full-time positions, associated funding, and rate  
 28 shall be distributed to the state attorney for each judicial  
 29 office created by this act when assigned to criminal court.  
 30 The sum of \$1,463,000 in recurring funds is appropriated from  
 31 the General Revenue Fund to the Justice Administrative

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1 Commission for the public defenders and 27.5 full-time  
 2 positions and associated rate of 1,053,745 are authorized.  
 3 From the 27.5 full-time positions, up to one full-time  
 4 position, associated funding, and rate shall be distributed to  
 5 the public defender for each judicial office created by this  
 6 act when assigned to criminal court.

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

10 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

11 And the title is amended as follows:

12 Delete everything before the enacting clause

14 and insert:

15 A bill to be entitled

16 An act relating to judges; amending s. 26.031,  
 17 F.S.; revising the number of circuit court  
 18 judges in certain circuits; amending s. 34.022,  
 19 F.S.; revising the number of county court  
 20 judges in certain counties; providing for the  
 21 election of new circuit and county court judges  
 22 created by the act in the 2006 general  
 23 election; providing qualifying dates for these  
 24 positions; providing legislative findings;  
 25 providing that the circuit and county court  
 26 judicial offices created by the act constitute  
 27 vacancies in office for purposes of qualifying  
 28 for the 2006 general election; providing  
 29 appropriations and authorizing positions;  
 30 providing an effective date.