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A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to terms of courts; repealing s. 3 25.051, F.S., relating to regular terms of the Supreme 4 Court; repealing s. 26.21, F.S., relating to terms of 5 the circuit courts; repealing s. 26.22, F.S., relating 6 to terms of the First Judicial Circuit; repealing s. 7 26.23, F.S., relating to terms of the Second Judicial 8 Circuit; repealing s. 26.24, F.S., relating to terms 9 of the Third Judicial Circuit; repealing s. 26.25, F.S., relating to terms of the Fourth Judicial 10 11 Circuit; repealing s. 26.26, F.S., relating to terms 12 of the Fifth Judicial Circuit; repealing s. 26.27, 13 F.S., relating to terms of the Sixth Judicial Circuit; repealing s. 26.28, F.S., relating to terms of the 14 15 Seventh Judicial Circuit; repealing s. 26.29, F.S., relating to terms of the Eighth Judicial Circuit; 16 repealing s. 26.30, F.S., relating to terms of the 17 18 Ninth Judicial Circuit; repealing s. 26.31, F.S., relating to terms of the Tenth Judicial Circuit; 19 repealing s. 26.32, F.S., relating to terms of the 20 Eleventh Judicial Circuit; repealing s. 26.33, F.S., 21 22 relating to terms of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit; 23 repealing s. 26.34, F.S., relating to terms of the 24 Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; repealing s. 26.35, F.S., 25 relating to terms of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; 26 repealing s. 26.36, F.S., relating to terms of the 27 Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; repealing s. 26.361, F.S., 28 relating to terms of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit;

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29 repealing s. 26.362, F.S., relating to terms of the 30 Seventeenth Judicial Circuit; repealing s. 26.363, 31 F.S., relating to terms of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit; repealing s. 26.364, F.S., relating to terms 32 33 of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit; repealing s. 34 26.365, F.S., relating to terms of the Twentieth 35 Judicial Circuit; repealing s. 26.37, F.S., relating 36 to requiring a judge to attend the first day of each 37 term of the circuit court; repealing s. 26.38, F.S., relating to a requirement for a judge to state a 38 reason for nonattendance; repealing s. 26.39, F.S., 39 40 relating to the penalty for nonattendance of the judge; repealing s. 26.40, F.S., relating to 41 42 adjournment of the circuit court upon nonattendance of 43 the judge; repealing s. 26.42, F.S., relating to 44 calling all cases on the docket at the end of each term; repealing s. 35.10, F.S., relating to regular 45 46 terms of the district courts of appeal; repealing s. 47 35.11, F.S., relating to special terms of the district courts of appeal; repealing s. 907.05, F.S., relating 48 to a requirement that criminal trials be heard in the 49 50 term of court before civil cases; repealing s. 51 907.055, F.S., relating to a requirement that persons 52 in custody be arraigned and tried in the term of court 53 unless good cause is shown; amending ss. 26.46, 27.04, 54 30.12, 30.15, 34.13, 35.05, and 38.23, F.S.; 55 conforming provisions to changes made by the act; 56 creating s. 43.43, F.S.; allowing the Supreme Court to

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57 set terms of court for the Supreme Court, district 58 courts of appeal, and circuit courts; creating s. 59 43.44, F.S.; authorizing appellate courts to withdraw 60 a mandate within 120 days after its issuance; amending 61 ss. 112.19, 206.215, 450.121, 831.10, 831.17, 877.08, 62 902.19, 903.32, 905.01, 905.09, 905.095, 914.03, 924.065, and 932.47, F.S.; conforming provisions to 63 changes made by the act; providing an effective date. 64 65 66 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 67 68 Section 1. Sections 25.051, 26.21, 26.22, 26.23, 26.24, 69 26.25, 26.26, 26.27, 26.28, 26.29, 26.30, 26.31, 26.32, 26.33, 70 26.34, 26.35, 26.36, 26.361, 26.362, 26.363, 26.364, 26.365, 71 26.37, 26.38, 26.39, 26.40, 26.42, 35.10, 35.11, 907.05, and 72 907.055, Florida Statutes, are repealed. 73 Section 2. Section 26.46, Florida Statutes, is amended to 74 read: 75 26.46 Jurisdiction of resident judge after assignment.-If 76 When a circuit judge is assigned to another circuit, none of the 77 circuit judges in that such other circuit shall, because of the 78 such assignment, be deprived of or affected in his or her 79 jurisdiction other than to the extent essential so as not to 80 conflict with the authority of the temporarily assigned circuit 81 judge as to the particular case or cases or class of cases, or 82 in presiding at the particular term or part of term named or 83 specified in the assignment. 84 Section 3. Section 27.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to Page 3 of 12

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85 read:

86 27.04 Summoning and examining witnesses for state.-The 87 state attorney shall have summoned all witnesses required on 88 behalf of the state; and he or she is allowed the process of his 89 or her court to summon witnesses from throughout the state to 90 appear before the state attorney in or out of term time at such convenient places in the state attorney's judicial circuit and 91 92 at such convenient times as may be designated in the summons, to 93 testify before him or her as to any violation of the law upon which they may be interrogated, and he or she is empowered to 94 95 administer oaths to all witnesses summoned to testify by the 96 process of his or her court or who may voluntarily appear before 97 the state attorney to testify as to any violation or violations 98 of the law.

99 Section 4. Section 30.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to 100 read:

30.12 Power to appoint sheriff.-If Whenever any sheriff in 101 the state fails shall fail to attend, in person or by deputy, 102 103 any term of the circuit court or county court of the county, 104 from sickness, death, or other cause, the judge attending the 105 said court may appoint an interim a sheriff, who shall assume 106 all the responsibilities, perform all the duties, and receive 107 the same compensation as if he or she had been duly appointed 108 sheriff_{τ} for only the said term of nonattendance court and no 109 longer.

Section 5. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 30.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 30.15 Powers, duties, and obligations.-

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(1) Sheriffs, in their respective counties, in person or by deputy, shall:

(c) Attend all <u>sessions</u> terms of the circuit court and county court held in their counties.

Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 34.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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34.13 Method of prosecution.-

(2) Upon the finding of indictments by the grand jury for
crimes cognizable by the county court, the clerk of the court,
without any order therefor, shall docket the same on the trial
docket of the county court on or before the first day of its
next succeeding term.

Section 7. Subsection (2) of section 35.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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35.05 Headquarters.-

(2) A district court of appeal may designate other
locations within its district as branch headquarters for the
conduct of the business of the court in special or regular term
and as the official headquarters of its officers or employees
pursuant to s. 112.061.

Section 8. Section 38.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

135 38.23 <u>Contempt</u> Contempts defined.—A refusal to obey any 136 legal order, mandate or decree, made or given by any judge 137 either in term time or in vacation relative to any of the 138 business of <u>the</u> said court, after due notice thereof, <u>is shall</u> 139 <u>be considered</u> a contempt, <u>punishable</u> <u>and punished</u> accordingly. 140 <u>But nothing said or written, or published, in vacation, to or of</u>

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141 any judge, or of any decision made by a judge, shall in any case 142 be construed to be a contempt. Section 9. Section 43.43, Florida Statutes, is created to 143 144 read: 145 43.43 Terms of courts.-The Supreme Court may establish 146 terms of court for the Supreme Court, the district courts of appeal, and the circuit courts; may authorize district courts of 147 148 appeal and circuit courts to establish their own terms of court; 149 or may dispense with terms of court. 150 Section 10. Section 43.44, Florida Statutes, is created to 151 read: 152 43.44 Mandate of an appeals court.-An appellate court may, 153 as the circumstances and justice of the case may require, reconsider, revise, reform, or modify its own opinions and 154 155 orders for the purpose of making the same accord with law and 156 justice. Accordingly, an appellate court may recall its own 157 mandate for the purpose of allowing it to exercise such 158 jurisdiction and power in a proper case. A mandate may not be 159 recalled more than 120 days after it has been issued. 160 Section 11. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 161 112.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 162 112.19 Law enforcement, correctional, and correctional 163 probation officers; death benefits.-164 Whenever used in this section, the term: (1)165 (b) "Law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer" means any officer as defined in s. 943.10(14) 166 167 or employee of the state or any political subdivision of the 168 state, including any law enforcement officer, correctional

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169 officer, correctional probation officer, state attorney 170 investigator, or public defender investigator, whose duties 171 require such officer or employee to investigate, pursue, 172 apprehend, arrest, transport, or maintain custody of persons who 173 are charged with, suspected of committing, or convicted of a 174 crime; and the term includes any member of a bomb disposal unit whose primary responsibility is the location, handling, and 175 176 disposal of explosive devices. The term also includes any full-177 time officer or employee of the state or any political subdivision of the state, certified pursuant to chapter 943, 178 whose duties require such officer to serve process or to attend 179 180 a session terms of a circuit or county court as bailiff.

181 Section 12. Subsection (2) of section 206.215, Florida182 Statutes, is amended to read:

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206.215 Costs and expenses of proceedings.-

(2) The clerks of the courts performing duties under the provisions aforesaid shall receive the same fees as prescribed by the general law for the performance of similar duties, and witnesses attending any investigation pursuant to subpoena shall receive the same mileage and per diem as if attending as a witness before the circuit court in term time.

Section 13. Subsection (4) of section 450.121, FloridaStatutes, is amended to read:

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450.121 Enforcement of Child Labor Law.-

(4) Grand juries shall have inquisitorial powers to
investigate violations of this chapter; also, trial court judges
shall specially charge the grand jury, at the beginning of each
term of the court, to investigate violations of this chapter.

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197 Section 14. Section 831.10, Florida Statutes, is amended 198 to read:

199 831.10 Second conviction of uttering forged bills.-A 200 person previously Whoever, having been convicted of violating 201 the offense mentioned in s. 831.09 who is again convicted of 202 that the like offense committed after the former conviction τ and 203 on whoever is at the same term of the court convicted upon three 204 distinct charges of such offense committed within a 6-month 205 period_{τ} shall be deemed a common utterer of counterfeit bills, 206 and shall be punished as provided in s. 775.084.

207 Section 15. Section 831.17, Florida Statutes, is amended 208 to read:

831.17 Violation of s. 831.16; second or subsequent 209 210 conviction.-A person previously Whoever having been convicted of 211 violating either of the offenses mentioned in s. 831.16 who_{τ} is 212 again convicted of violating that statute either of the same 213 offenses, committed after the former conviction on, and whoever 214 is at the same term of the court convicted upon three distinct 215 charges of such offense committed within a 6-month period said 216 offenses, commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. 217

218 Section 16. Subsection (4) of section 877.08, Florida 219 Statutes, is amended to read:

220 877.08 Coin-operated vending machines and parking meters;
221 defined; prohibited acts, penalties.-

(4) Whoever violates the provisions of subsection (3) a
second <u>or subsequent</u> time <u>commits</u>, and is convicted of such
second separate offense, either at the same term or a subsequent

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225 term of court, shall be guilty of a felony of the third degree, 226 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

227 Section 17. Subsection (1) of section 902.19, Florida 228 Statutes, is amended to read:

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902.19 When prosecutor liable for costs.-

230 If When a person makes a complaint before a county (1)231 court judge that a crime has been committed and is recognized by 232 the county court judge to appear before at the next term of the 233 court having jurisdiction to give evidence of the crime and 234 fails to appear, the person is shall be liable for all costs 235 occasioned by his or her complaint, and the county court judge 236 may enter obtain a judgment and execution for the costs as in 237 other cases.

238 Section 18. Subsection (2) of section 903.32, Florida 239 Statutes, is amended to read:

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903.32 Defects in bond.-

If no day, or an impossible day, is stated in a bond 241 (2) for the defendant's appearance before a trial court judge for a 242 hearing or trial, the defendant shall be bound to appear 10 days 243 244 after receipt of notice to appear by the defendant, the 245 defendant's counsel, or any surety on the undertaking. If no 246 day, or an impossible day, is stated in a bond for the 247 defendant's appearance for trial, the defendant shall be bound 248 to appear on the first day of the next term of court that will 249 commence more than 3 days after the undertaking is given. 250 Section 19. Section 905.01, Florida Statutes, is amended

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905.01 Number and procurement of grand jury; replacement

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253 of member; term of grand jury.-

(1) The grand jury shall consist of <u>no</u> not fewer than 15,
<u>but no</u> nor more than 21 persons. The provisions of law governing
the qualifications, disqualifications, excusals, drawing,
summoning, supplying deficiencies, compensation, and procurement
of petit jurors apply to grand jurors. In addition, an elected
public official is not eligible for service on a grand jury.

(2) The chief judge of any circuit court may provide for the replacement of any grand juror who, for good cause, is unable to complete the term of the grand jury. Such replacement shall be made by appropriate order of the chief judge from the list of prospective jurors from which the grand juror to be replaced was selected.

(3) The chief judge of <u>each</u> any circuit court <u>shall</u>
regularly order may dispense with the convening of the grand
jury for a at any term of <u>6 months</u> court by filing a written
order with the clerk of court directing that a grand jury not be
summoned.

271 Section 20. Section 905.09, Florida Statutes, is amended 272 to read:

273 905.09 Discharge and recall of grand jury.—A grand jury 274 that has been dismissed may be recalled at any time during the 275 same term of the grand jury court.

276 Section 21. Section 905.095, Florida Statutes, is amended 277 to read:

278 905.095 Extension of grand jury term.—Upon petition of the
279 state attorney or the foreperson of the grand jury acting on
280 behalf of a majority of the grand jurors, the circuit court may

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281 extend the term of a grand jury impaneled under this chapter 282 beyond the term of court in which it was originally impaneled. A 283 grand jury whose term has been extended as provided under this 284 section herein shall have the same composition and the same 285 powers and duties it had during its original term. If In the 286 event the term of the grand jury is extended under this section, 287 it shall be extended for a time certain, not to exceed a total 288 of 90 days, and only for the purpose of concluding one or more 289 specified investigative matters initiated during its original 290 term.

291 Section 22. Section 914.03, Florida Statutes, is amended 292 to read:

293 914.03 Attendance of witnesses.-A witness summoned by a 294 grand jury or in a criminal case shall remain in attendance 295 until excused by the grand jury. A witness summoned in a 296 criminal case shall remain available for attendance until the 297 case for which he or she was summoned is disposed of or until he 298 or she is excused by the court. A witness who departs without 299 permission of the court shall be in criminal contempt of court. 300 A witness shall attend each succeeding term of court until the 301 case is terminated.

302 Section 23. Subsection (2) of section 924.065, Florida 303 Statutes, is amended to read:

304 924.065 Denial of motion for new trial or arrest of 305 judgment; appeal bond; supersedeas.-

306 (2) An appeal <u>may shall</u> not be a supersedeas to the
307 execution of the judgment, sentence, or order until the
308 appellant has entered into a bond with at least two sureties to

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309 secure the payment of the judgment, fine, and any future costs 310 that may be adjudged by the appellate court. The bond shall be 311 conditioned on the appellant's personally answering and abiding 312 by the final order, sentence, or judgment of the appellate court 313 and, if the action is remanded, on the appellant's appearing 314 <u>before at the next term of</u> the court in which the case was 315 originally determined and not departing without leave of court.

316 Section 24. Section 932.47, Florida Statutes, is amended 317 to read:

318 932.47 Informations filed by prosecuting attorneys.319 Informations may be filed by the prosecuting attorney of the
320 circuit court with the clerk of the circuit court in vacation or
321 in term without leave of the court first being obtained.
322 Section 25. This act shall take effect January 1, 2014.

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