

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to courts; creating s. 25.025, F.S.;  
3           authorizing certain Supreme Court justices to have an  
4           appropriate facility in their district of residence  
5           designated as their official headquarters; providing  
6           that an official headquarters may serve only as a  
7           justice's private chambers; providing that such  
8           justices are eligible for a certain subsistence  
9           allowance and reimbursement for certain transportation  
10          expenses; requiring that such allowance and  
11          reimbursement be made to the extent that appropriated  
12          funds are available, as determined by the Chief  
13          Justice; requiring the Chief Justice to coordinate  
14          with certain persons in designating official  
15          headquarters; providing that a county is not required  
16          to provide space for a justice in a county courthouse;  
17          authorizing counties to enter into agreements with the  
18          Supreme Court for the use of county courthouse space;  
19          prohibiting the Supreme Court from using state funds  
20          to lease space in specified facilities to allow a  
21          justice to establish an official headquarters;  
22          amending s. 26.031, F.S.; revising the number of  
23          circuit judges in certain judicial circuits; amending  
24          s. 34.022, F.S.; revising the number of county court  
25          judges in certain counties; providing an effective

26 |           date.

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28 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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30 |           Section 1. Section 25.025, Florida Statutes, is created to  
31 | read:

32 |           25.025 Headquarters.—

33 |           (1) (a) A Supreme Court justice who permanently resides  
34 | outside Leon County shall, if he or she so requests, have a  
35 | district court of appeal courthouse, a county courthouse, or  
36 | another appropriate facility in his or her district of residence  
37 | designated as his or her official headquarters pursuant to s.  
38 | 112.061. This official headquarters may serve only as the  
39 | justice's private chambers.

40 |           (b) A justice for whom an official headquarters is  
41 | designated in his or her district of residence under this  
42 | subsection is eligible for subsistence at a rate to be  
43 | established by the Chief Justice for each day or partial day  
44 | that the justice is at the Supreme Court Building for the  
45 | conduct of the business of the court. In addition to the  
46 | subsistence allowance, a justice is eligible for reimbursement  
47 | for transportation expenses as provided in s. 112.061(7) for  
48 | travel between the justice's official headquarters and the  
49 | Supreme Court Building for the conduct of the business of the  
50 | court.

51 (c) Payment of subsistence and reimbursement for  
 52 transportation expenses relating to travel between a justice's  
 53 official headquarters and the Supreme Court Building must be  
 54 made to the extent that appropriated funds are available, as  
 55 determined by the Chief Justice.

56 (2) The Chief Justice shall coordinate with each affected  
 57 justice and other state and local officials as necessary to  
 58 implement paragraph (1) (a).

59 (3) (a) This section does not require a county to provide  
 60 space in a county courthouse for a justice. A county may enter  
 61 into an agreement with the Supreme Court governing the use of  
 62 space in a county courthouse.

63 (b) The Supreme Court may not use state funds to lease  
 64 space in a district court of appeal courthouse, county  
 65 courthouse, or other facility to allow a justice to establish an  
 66 official headquarters pursuant to subsection (1).

67 Section 2. Subsections (9) and (12) of section 26.031,  
 68 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

69 26.031 Judicial circuits; number of judges.—The number of  
 70 circuit judges in each circuit shall be as follows:

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JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
72 (9) Ninth.....	44 <del>43</del>
73 (12) Twelfth.....	22 <del>21</del>

74 Section 3. Subsections (9) and (17) of section 34.022,  
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76 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

77 34.022 Number of county court judges for each county.—The  
78 number of county court judges in each county shall be as  
79 follows:

80 COUNTY	TOTAL
81 (9) Citrus.....	<u>2</u> ±
82 (17) Flagler.....	<u>2</u> ±

83 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.  
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