

FOR CONSIDERATION By the Committee on Appropriations

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to circuit court judges; amending s.
3 26.031, F.S.; increasing the number of circuit judges
4 in certain judicial circuits; specifying that the
5 judicial offices created under the act be filled by
6 gubernatorial appointment; providing an effective
7 date.

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

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11 Section 1. Subsections (1), (4), (9), and (14) of section
12 26.031, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

13 26.031 Judicial circuits; number of judges.—The number of
14 circuit judges in each circuit shall be as follows:

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
(1) First.....	<u>25</u> 24
(4) Fourth.....	<u>36</u> 35
(9) Ninth.....	<u>46</u> 44
(14) Fourteenth.....	<u>12</u> 11

21 Section 2. The circuit judges filling new offices created
22 by this act shall be appointed by the Governor.

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.