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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Conference Committee on SB 2508 recommended the following:

Senate Conference Committee Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsections (2), (4), (5), (7) through (12), (14), (15), and (19) of section 26.031, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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



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12	JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
13	(2) Second	<u>17</u> 16
14	(4) Fourth	<u>37</u> 35
15	(5) Fifth	<u>34</u> 31
16	(7) Seventh	<u>29</u> 27
17	(8) Eighth	<u>14</u> 13
18	(9) Ninth	<u>48</u> 46
19	(10) Tenth	<u>30</u> 28
20	(11) Eleventh	<u>83</u> 80
21	(12) Twelfth	<u>24</u> 22
22	(14) Fourteenth	<u>14</u> 13
23	(15) Fifteenth	<u>37</u> 35
24	(19) Nineteenth	<u>20</u> 19
25	Section 2. Subsections (3), (10), (26), (34), (40), (41),	
26	(43), (45), (49), (50), (53), and (60) of section 34.022,	
27	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:	
28	34.022 Number of county court judges for each county.—The	
29	number of county court judges in each county shall be as	
30	follows:	
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32	COUNTY	TOTAL
33	(3) Bay	<u>5</u> 4
34	(10) Clay	<u>3</u> 2
35	(26) Hernando	<u>3</u> 2
36	(34) Lake	<u>5</u> 4
37	(40) Manatee	<u>5</u> 4
38	(41) Marion	<u>5</u> 4
39	(43) Miami-Dade	<u>47</u> 43
40	(45) Nassau	<u>2</u> 1



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41 (49) Osceola5 4
42 (50) Palm Beach20 19
43 (53) Polk11 10
44 (60) Sumter2 1
45 Section 3. Subsections (2) and (6) of section 35.06,
46 Florida Statutes, are amended, and a new subsection (7) is added
47 to that section, to read:
48 35.06 Organization of district courts of appeal.—A district
49 court of appeal shall be organized in each of the six appellate
50 districts to be named District Court of Appeal, District.
51 The number of judges of each district court of appeal shall be
52 as follows:
53 (2) Except as provided in subsection (7), in the second
54 district there shall be 15 judges.
55 (6) In the sixth district there shall be 11 9 judges.
56 (7)(a) Effective July 1, 2025, upon each occurrence of a
57 vacancy in the office of judge of the second district, the
58 number of judges in the second district shall be reduced by 1
59 until 13 judges remain in the second district, and in the second
60 district there shall be 13 judges.
61 (b) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall notify the
62 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
63 House of Representatives of the occurrence of an event that
64 otherwise would have resulted in a vacancy in the office of
65 judge of the second district but instead results in the
66 reduction of a judgeship pursuant to paragraph (a).
67 Section 4. The Legislature finds and declares that this act
68 fulfills an important state interest.
69 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.



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

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause
and insert:

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to judges; amending s. 26.031, F.S.;
increasing the number of circuit judges in certain
judicial circuits; amending s. 34.022, F.S.;
increasing the number of county court judges in
certain counties; amending s. 35.06, F.S.; increasing
the number of judges on the Sixth District Court of
Appeal; providing for the reduction in the number of
judges on the Second District Court of Appeal under
specified conditions; providing a declaration of
important state interest; providing an effective date.