

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to judges; amending ss. 26.031 and
 3 34.022, F.S.; revising the number of circuit court
 4 judges and county court judges, respectively;
 5 providing a declaration of important state interest;
 6 providing an effective date.

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

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 10 **Section 1. Subsections (2), (4), (5), (7), (8), (9), (12),**
 11 **(14), (15), and (19) of section 26.031, Florida Statutes, are**
 12 **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
(2) Second.....	<u>1716</u>
(4) Fourth.....	<u>3735</u>
(5) Fifth.....	<u>3431</u>
(7) Seventh.....	<u>2927</u>
(8) Eighth.....	<u>1413</u>
(9) Ninth.....	<u>4846</u>
(12) Twelfth.....	<u>2422</u>
(14) Fourteenth.....	<u>1413</u>
(15) Fifteenth.....	<u>3735</u>
(19) Nineteenth.....	<u>2019</u>

26 **Section 2. Subsections (3), (10), (26), (34), (40), (41),**
 27 **(43), (45), (49), (50), and (60) of section 34.022, Florida**
 28 **Statutes, are amended to read:**

29 34.022 Number of county court judges for each county.—The
 30 number of county court judges in each county shall be as
 31 follows:

32 COUNTY	TOTAL
33 (3) Bay.....	54
34 (10) Clay.....	32
35 (26) Hernando.....	32
36 (34) Lake.....	54
37 (40) Manatee.....	54
38 (41) Marion.....	54
39 (43) Miami-Dade.....	45 43
40 (45) Nassau.....	21
41 (49) Osceola.....	54
42 (50) Palm Beach.....	20 19
43 (60) Sumter.....	21

44 **Section 3. The Legislature finds and declares that this**
 45 **act fulfills an important state interest.**

46 **Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.**