

**By** the Committee on Appropriations

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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; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (1), (5), (7), (18), (19), and (20) 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:

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT		TOTAL
(1)	First .....	<u>27</u> 26
(5)	Fifth .....	<u>35</u> 34
(7)	Seventh .....	<u>30</u> 29
(18)	Eighteenth .....	<u>27</u> 26
(19)	Nineteenth .....	<u>21</u> 20
(20)	Twentieth .....	40 32

Section 2. Subsections (15), (27), (28), (35), (43), (48), and (66) of section 34.022, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

COUNTY TOTAL

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30	(15) Duval .....	20	17
31	(27) Highlands .....	2	1
32	(28) Hillsborough .....	26	25
33	(35) Lee .....	10	9
34	(43) Miami-Dade .....	50	47
35	(48) Orange .....	24	22
36	(66) Walton .....	2	1
37	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.		