

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> <del>26</del> |
| (5) Fifth .....       | <u>35</u> <del>34</del> |
| (7) Seventh .....     | <u>30</u> <del>29</del> |
| (18) Eighteenth ..... | <u>27</u> <del>26</del> |
| (19) Nineteenth ..... | <u>21</u> <del>20</del> |
| (20) Twentieth .....  | <u>40</u> <del>32</del> |

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.