

The Supreme Court issued Order No. SC2023-1586, dated November 30, 2023, certifying the need for one additional circuit court judge (Twentieth Circuit) and five additional county court judges (three in Orange County and two in Hillsborough County).

The amendment conforms to HB 5001, the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, which includes \$3,749,038 in General Revenue funding, and authorizes twenty full-time equivalent positions with associated salary rate of \$2,219,713, for the newly established judgeships and associated judicial assistants and attorney staffing.

The amendment is effective July 1, 2024.

Conference Committee Amendment (154757) (with title amendment)—Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsections (1) 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:

JUDGE CIRCUIT	TOTAL
(1) First	2625
(20) Twentieth	3231

Section 2. Subsections (12), (28), (48), and (57) 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
(12) Columbia	21
(28) Hillsborough	2523
(48) Orange	2219
(57) Santa Rosa	32

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

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

And the title is amended as follows:

Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert: A bill to be entitled An act relating to judges; amending ss. 26.031 and 34.022, F.S.; revising the number of circuit court judges and county court judges, respectively; providing a declaration of important state interest; providing an effective date.

On motion by Senator Bradley, the Conference Committee Report on **HB 5401** was adopted. **HB 5401** passed by the required constitutional two-thirds of the membership, as amended by the Conference Committee Report, and was certified to the House together with the Conference Committee Report. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—39

Madam President	Collins	Perry
Albritton	Davis	Pizzo
Avila	DiCeglie	Polsky
Baxley	Garcia	Powell
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Book	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Simon
Bradley	Hooper	Stewart
Brodeur	Hutson	Thompson
Broxson	Ingolia	Torres
Burgess	Martin	Trumbull
Burton	Mayfield	Wright
Calatayud	Osgood	Yarborough

Nays—None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE RELATING TO EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Ms. Tracy Cantella
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March 8, 2024

Dear Madam Secretary:

Please be advised that the following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate. The Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections did not consider the appointments because the terms of the appointees expired:

Office and Appointment	For Term Ending
Florida Commission on Community Service Appointee: Dew, Gina Evans	09/14/2023
Florida Elections Commission Appointee: Joyce, Richard F.	12/31/2023
National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws Appointees: Flower, Gary P. Levesque, George T. Rubottom, Donald Jay	06/05/2023 06/05/2023 06/05/2023
Board of Physical Therapy Practice Appointee: Matthews, Rebecca	10/31/2023
Chair, Public Employees Relations Commission Appointee: Rubottom, Donald Jay	01/01/2024
State Retirement Commission Appointee: Manalo, Jonathan	12/31/2023
Big Cypress Basin Board of the South Florida Water Management District Appointees: McLeod, Michelle Smith, Patricia "P.J."	03/01/2024 03/01/2024

Please be advised that the following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate. The Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections did not consider the appointments because the appointees resigned:

Office and Appointment	For Term Ending
Board of Athletic Training Appointee: Dennis, Joshua	10/31/2026
Commission on Ethics Appointee: Moore, Ed H.	06/30/2025

Please be advised that the following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Education Pre-K -12 and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate. The Senate Committee on Education Pre-K -12 and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections did not consider the appointments because the appointees resigned:

Office and Appointment	For Term Ending
Board of Trustees, Florida School for Competitive Academics Appointees: Grady, Thomas R. Grego, Michael A. McAlister, Bethany Rosenberg, Jason J.	08/23/2027 08/23/2027 08/23/2027 08/23/2026

Please be advised that the following executive appointment was referred to the Senate Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate. The Senate Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections did not consider the appointment because the term of the appointee expired:

*For Term
Ending*

Office and Appointment

Investment Advisory Council
Appointee: Jones, Kenneth 12/12/2023

Please be advised that the following executive appointment was referred to the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate. The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections did not consider the appointment because the appointee resigned:

*For Term
Ending*

Office and Appointment

Florida Gaming Control Commission
Appointee: Upton, Charles Burns, II 01/01/2026

Please be advised that the following executive appointment was referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate. The Senate Committee on Transportation and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections did not consider the appointment because the appointee resigned:

*For Term
Ending*

Office and Appointment

Central Florida Expressway Authority
Appointee: Nunziata, Sal A. "Joe" 12/31/2026

Respectfully submitted,
Danny Burgess, Chair

Ms. Tracy Cantella March 8, 2024
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Dear Madam Secretary:

The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate. The Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections did not consider the following appointments and the appointees were left pending and were not acted on by the Senate upon adjournment of the 2024 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature:

*For Term
Ending*

Office and Appointment

Commission on Ethics
Appointees: Descovich, Tina 06/30/2024
Figgers, Freddie 06/30/2025

Investment Advisory Council
Appointee: Figgers, Freddie 02/01/2027

The following executive appointment was referred to the Senate Committee on Education Pre-K -12 and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate. The Senate Committee on Education Pre-K -12 and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections considered and recommended the following appointment and the appointee was left pending and was not acted on by the Senate upon adjournment of the 2024 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature:

*For Term
Ending*

Office and Appointment

Board of Trustees, Florida School for Competitive Academics
Appointee: Keiser, Andrea M. 08/23/2026

The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Education Pre-K -12 and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate. The Senate Committee on Education Pre-K -12 and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections did not consider the following appointments and the appointees were left pending and were not acted on by the Senate upon adjournment of the 2024 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature:

*For Term
Ending*

Office and Appointment

Board of Trustees, Florida School for Competitive Academics
Appointees: Fieldman, Ethan 08/23/2026
Frazer, William, III 08/23/2027

Respectfully submitted,
Danny Burgess, Chair

Ms. Tracy Cantella March 8, 2024
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Dear Madam Secretary:

Please be advised that the following appointment was not received by the Florida Senate for consideration in the 2024 Regular Session. Therefore, pursuant to s. 114.05(1)(e), F.S., the Senate took no action on the appointment during the regular session immediately following the effective date of the appointment:

*For Term
Beginning*

Office and Appointment

Board of Trustees of Florida Gateway College
Appointee: Tepedino, Miguel J. 07/07/2023

Respectfully submitted,
Danny Burgess, Chair

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RETURNING MESSAGES — FINAL ACTION

The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has receded from House Amendment 1 (249405) and passed CS/CS/SB 556.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has accepted the Conference Committee Report as an entirety and passed SB 2518, as amended by the Conference Committee Report.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk