

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2019 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Appropriations**

**HB 5011 — Courts**

by Appropriations Committee and Rep. Renner and others

The bill creates s. 25.025, F.S., which provides that the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court shall, at the request of a justice:

- Coordinate and designate a courthouse or other appropriate facility in the justice's district as his or her official headquarters and private chambers; and
- Reimburse the justice for travel and subsistence while in Tallahassee to the extent funding is available.

The bill increases the number of circuit judges, adding one circuit court judgeship in the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court, which includes Orange and Osceola Counties, and one circuit court judgeship in the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Court, which includes Manatee, DeSoto and Sarasota Counties.

The bill also increase the number of county judgeships, adding one in Citrus County and one in Flagler County.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2019.

*Vote: Senate 36-0; House 108-2*