

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2014 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Appropriations

HB 5301 — Additional Judgeships

by Justice Appropriations Subcommittee and Rep. McBurney

This bill adds three new District Court of Appeal judgeships: two in the second district (Lakeland) and one in the fifth district (Daytona Beach). The Supreme Court Order No. SC13-2296, dated December 19, 2013, certified the need for three additional judges in the appellate courts.

The Fiscal Year 2014-2015 General Appropriations Act appropriates \$1.3 million in recurring general revenue and 12 full-time equivalent positions with associated salary rate, which funds the judges support staff and expenses (one appellate court judicial assistant and two appellate court law clerks for each judge).

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2014.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 100-17