

Committee on Rules

HB 5301 — Judges

by Justice Appropriations Subcommittee and Reps. Yarborough and Beltran (SB 7050 by Appropriations Committee)

The bill amends s. 26.031, F.S., to establish four new circuit judgeships (one each in the First and Fourteenth Judicial Circuits, and two in the Ninth Judicial Circuit) and amends s. 34.022, F.S., to add six county judgeships (one in Lee County, one in Orange County and four in Hillsborough County). This bill will result in a cost for FY 2020-2021 of \$3,418,513 and 21 full-time equivalent positions (ten judges, ten judicial assistants and one law clerk), with an annual recurring cost of \$3,368,134, which is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Appropriations Act.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2020.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 117-0

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HB 7049 — International Affairs

by Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee and Rep. Trumbull (CS/SB 1212
by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and Senator Gruters)

The bill provides that the Secretary of State shall serve as the state protocol officer. Section 15.182, F.S., is revised to provide that the Department of State (department) is the only entity that must receive notice of intent to travel internationally by state-funded musical, cultural or artistic organizations. The department is authorized to establish citizen support organizations to provide assistance, funding, and promotional support for its intergovernmental programs.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2020.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 115-0