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1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to the judiciary; increasing

3   membership of the Supreme Court; authorizing

4   satellite offices for justices of the court;

5   creating s. 35.044, F.S.; creating a Sixth

6   District Court of Appeal; amending ss. 35.03,

7   35.042, F.S.; redistricting the remaining five

8   district courts of appeal; amending s. 35.05,

9   F.S.; providing for the headquarters of the new

10   appellate district; amending s. 35.06, F.S.;

11   providing for the number of judges in the new

12   district; providing an effective date.

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14   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16   Section 1. <u>The membership of the Supreme Court is</u>

17   <u>increased from seven members to nine members. Each member of</u>

18   <u>the Supreme Court shall maintain a satellite office in the</u>

19   <u>district from which he or she is elected or appointed.</u>

20   Section 2. Section 35.03, Florida Statutes, is amended

21   to read:

22   35.03 Second Appellate District.--The Second Appellate

23   District is composed of the Sixth, Tenth, Twelfth, <u>and</u>

24   Thirteenth~~, and Twentieth Judicial~~ Circuits.

25   Section 3. Section 35.042, Florida Statutes, is

26   amended to read:

27   35.042 Fourth Appellate District.--The Fourth

28   Appellate District is composed of the Fifteenth~~, Seventeenth,~~

29   and Nineteenth Judicial Circuits.

30   Section 4. Section 35.044, Florida Statutes, is

31   created to read:

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 1   35.044 Sixth Appellate District.--The Sixth Appellate
 2   District is composed of the Seventeenth and Twentieth Judicial
 3   Circuits.
 4   Section 5. Section 35.05, Florida Statutes, is amended
 5   to read:
 6   35.05 Headquarters.--
 7   (1) The headquarters of the First Appellate District
 8   shall be in the Second Judicial Circuit, Tallahassee, Leon
 9   County; of the Second Appellate District in the Tenth Judicial
10   Circuit, Lakeland, Polk County; of the Third Appellate
11   District in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Dade County; of the
12   Fourth Appellate District in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit,
13   Palm Beach County; of ~~and~~ the Fifth Appellate District in the
14   Seventh Judicial Circuit, Daytona Beach, Volusia County; and
15   the Sixth Appellate District in the Twentieth Judicial
16   Circuit, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County.
17   (2) The Second District Court of Appeal may designate
18   other locations within its district as branch headquarters for
19   the conduct of the business of the court in special or regular
20   term and as the official headquarters of its officers or
21   employees pursuant to s. 112.061.
22   Section 6. Section 35.06, Florida Statutes, is amended
23   to read:
24   35.06 Organization of district courts of appeal.--A
25   district court of appeal shall be organized in each of the six
26   ~~five~~ appellate districts to be named District Court of Appeal,
27   .... District. The number of judges of each district court of
28   appeal shall be as follows:
29   (1) In the first district there shall be 15 judges.
30   (2) In the second district there shall be 14 judges.
31   (3) In the third district there shall be 11 judges.

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1          (4)  In the fourth district there shall be 12 judges.

2          (5)  In the fifth district there shall be 9 judges.

3          (6)  In the sixth district there shall be 9 judges.

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5  The successors of the original and additional judges of the

6  district courts of appeal shall be elected at the general

7  election next preceding the expiration of their respective

8  terms of office to serve for full terms of 6 years.

9          Section 7.  This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

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12                        SENATE SUMMARY
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is elected or appointed. Creates a new Sixth District
Court of Appeal with headquarters in Fort Lauderdale,
Broward County, to be comprised of nine judges, and
consisting of the Seventeenth and Twentieth Judicial
Circuits. Redistricts the existing five district courts
of appeal.

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