

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the judiciary; amending s.  
3           26.031, F.S.; increasing the number of judges  
4           in specified judicial circuits; amending s.  
5           34.022, F.S.; increasing the number of judges  
6           in specified county courts; amending s. 35.06,  
7           F.S.; increasing the number of judges in  
8           specified district courts of appeal; requiring  
9           the judicial nominating commission to make  
10          nominations to fill specified vacancies by a  
11          certain date; providing effective dates.

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

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15           Section 1. Effective November 1, 1999, section 26.031,  
16 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

17           26.031 Judicial circuits; number of judges.--The  
18 number of circuit judges in each circuit shall be as follows:

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20 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
21           (1) First.....	19
22           (2) Second.....	<u>13</u> <del>12</del>
23           (3) Third.....	<u>6</u> <del>5</del>
24           (4) Fourth.....	<u>30</u> <del>29</del>
25           (5) Fifth.....	20
26           (6) Sixth.....	37
27           (7) Seventh.....	<u>22</u> <del>21</del>
28           (8) Eighth.....	10
29           (9) Ninth.....	<u>35</u> <del>33</del>
30           (10) Tenth.....	18
31           (11) Eleventh.....	70

1	(12) Twelfth.....	<u>18</u>	<del>17</del>
2	(13) Thirteenth.....	<u>35</u>	<del>33</del>
3	(14) Fourteenth.....	9	
4	(15) Fifteenth.....	31	
5	(16) Sixteenth.....	4	
6	(17) Seventeenth.....	<u>48</u>	<del>46</del>
7	(18) Eighteenth.....	<u>22</u>	<del>21</del>
8	(19) Nineteenth.....	13	
9	(20) Twentieth.....	<u>21</u>	<del>20</del>

10 Section 2. Effective January 1, 2000, section 26.031,  
11 Florida Statutes, as amended by section 1 of this act, is  
12 amended to read:

13 26.031 Judicial circuits; number of judges.--The  
14 number of circuit judges in each circuit shall be as follows:

16	JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
17	(1) First.....	<u>20</u> <del>19</del>
18	(2) Second.....	13
19	(3) Third.....	6
20	(4) Fourth.....	30
21	(5) Fifth.....	<u>22</u> <del>20</del>
22	(6) Sixth.....	<u>39</u> <del>37</del>
23	(7) Seventh.....	22
24	(8) Eighth.....	<u>11</u> <del>10</del>
25	(9) Ninth.....	35
26	(10) Tenth.....	<u>19</u> <del>18</del>
27	(11) Eleventh.....	<u>71</u> <del>70</del>
28	(12) Twelfth.....	18
29	(13) Thirteenth.....	35
30	(14) Fourteenth.....	9
31	(15) Fifteenth.....	<u>32</u> <del>31</del>

1	(16) Sixteenth.....	4
2	(17) Seventeenth.....	<u>49</u> <del>48</del>
3	(18) Eighteenth.....	22
4	(19) Nineteenth.....	<u>15</u> <del>13</del>
5	(20) Twentieth.....	21
6	Section 3. Effective November 1, 1999, section 34.022,	
7	Florida Statutes, is amended to read:	
8	34.022 Number of county court judges for each	
9	county.--The number of county court judges in each county	
10	shall be as follows:	
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12	COUNTY	TOTAL
13	(1) Alachua.....	5
14	(2) Baker.....	1
15	(3) Bay.....	3
16	(4) Bradford.....	1
17	(5) Brevard.....	7
18	(6) Broward.....	25
19	(7) Calhoun.....	1
20	(8) Charlotte.....	2
21	(9) Citrus.....	1
22	(10) Clay.....	2
23	(11) Collier.....	3
24	(12) Columbia.....	1
25	(13) Dade.....	41
26	(14) DeSoto.....	1
27	(15) Dixie.....	1
28	(16) Duval.....	13
29	(17) Escambia.....	5
30	(18) Flagler.....	1
31	(19) Franklin.....	1

1	(20)	Gadsden.....	1
2	(21)	Gilchrist.....	1
3	(22)	Glades.....	1
4	(23)	Gulf.....	1
5	(24)	Hamilton.....	1
6	(25)	Hardee.....	1
7	(26)	Hendry.....	1
8	(27)	Hernando.....	1
9	(28)	Highlands.....	1
10	(29)	Hillsborough.....	13
11	(30)	Holmes.....	1
12	(31)	Indian River.....	2
13	(32)	Jackson.....	1
14	(33)	Jefferson.....	1
15	(34)	Lafayette.....	1
16	(35)	Lake.....	2
17	(36)	Lee.....	6
18	(37)	Leon.....	4
19	(38)	Levy.....	1
20	(39)	Liberty.....	1
21	(40)	Madison.....	1
22	(41)	Manatee.....	3
23	(42)	Marion.....	3
24	(43)	Martin.....	2
25	(44)	Monroe.....	4
26	(45)	Nassau.....	1
27	(46)	Okaloosa.....	2
28	(47)	Okeechobee.....	1
29	(48)	Orange.....	14
30	(49)	Osceola.....	3
31	(50)	Palm Beach.....	17

1	(51) Pasco.....	3
2	(52) Pinellas.....	13
3	(53) Polk.....	<u>8</u> 6
4	(54) Putnam.....	1
5	(55) St. Johns.....	2
6	(56) St. Lucie.....	3
7	(57) Santa Rosa.....	2
8	(58) Sarasota.....	4
9	(59) Seminole.....	5
10	(60) Sumter.....	1
11	(61) Suwannee.....	1
12	(62) Taylor.....	1
13	(63) Union.....	1
14	(64) Volusia.....	9
15	(65) Wakulla.....	1
16	(66) Walton.....	1
17	(67) Washington.....	1

18 Section 4. Effective January 1, 2000, section 34.022,  
19 Florida Statutes, as amended by section 3 of this act, is  
20 amended to read:

21 34.022 Number of county court judges for each  
22 county.--The number of county court judges in each county  
23 shall be as follows:

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25	COUNTY	TOTAL
26	(1) Alachua.....	5
27	(2) Baker.....	1
28	(3) Bay.....	3
29	(4) Bradford.....	1
30	(5) Brevard.....	7
31	(6) Broward.....	25

1	(7) Calhoun.....	1
2	(8) Charlotte.....	2
3	(9) Citrus.....	1
4	(10) Clay.....	2
5	(11) Collier.....	3
6	(12) Columbia.....	1
7	(13) Dade.....	41
8	(14) DeSoto.....	1
9	(15) Dixie.....	1
10	(16) Duval.....	<u>14</u> <del>13</del>
11	(17) Escambia.....	5
12	(18) Flagler.....	1
13	(19) Franklin.....	1
14	(20) Gadsden.....	1
15	(21) Gilchrist.....	1
16	(22) Glades.....	1
17	(23) Gulf.....	1
18	(24) Hamilton.....	1
19	(25) Hardee.....	1
20	(26) Hendry.....	1
21	(27) Hernando.....	1
22	(28) Highlands.....	1
23	(29) Hillsborough.....	<u>14</u> <del>13</del>
24	(30) Holmes.....	1
25	(31) Indian River.....	2
26	(32) Jackson.....	1
27	(33) Jefferson.....	1
28	(34) Lafayette.....	1
29	(35) Lake.....	2
30	(36) Lee.....	6
31	(37) Leon.....	<u>5</u> <del>4</del>

1	(38)	Levy.....	1
2	(39)	Liberty.....	1
3	(40)	Madison.....	1
4	(41)	Manatee.....	3
5	(42)	Marion.....	3
6	(43)	Martin.....	2
7	(44)	Monroe.....	4
8	(45)	Nassau.....	1
9	(46)	Okaloosa.....	2
10	(47)	Okeechobee.....	1
11	(48)	Orange.....	14
12	(49)	Osceola.....	3
13	(50)	Palm Beach.....	17
14	(51)	Pasco.....	3
15	(52)	Pinellas.....	13
16	(53)	Polk.....	8
17	(54)	Putnam.....	<u>2</u> †
18	(55)	St. Johns.....	2
19	(56)	St. Lucie.....	3
20	(57)	Santa Rosa.....	2
21	(58)	Sarasota.....	4
22	(59)	Seminole.....	5
23	(60)	Sumter.....	1
24	(61)	Suwannee.....	1
25	(62)	Taylor.....	1
26	(63)	Union.....	1
27	(64)	Volusia.....	9
28	(65)	Wakulla.....	1
29	(66)	Walton.....	1
30	(67)	Washington.....	1
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1           Section 5. Effective January 1, 2000, section 35.06,  
2 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3           35.06 Organization of district courts of appeal.--A  
4 district court of appeal shall be organized in each of the  
5 five appellate districts to be named District Court of Appeal,  
6 .... District. The number of judges of each district court of  
7 appeal shall be as follows:

8           (1) In the first district there shall be 15 judges.

9           (2) In the second district there shall be 14 judges.

10          (3) In the third district there shall be 11 judges.

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

12          (5) In the fifth district there shall be 10 ~~9~~ judges.

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14 The successors of the original and additional judges of the  
15 district courts of appeal shall be elected at the general  
16 election next preceding the expiration of their respective  
17 terms of office to serve for full terms of 6 years.

18           Section 6. Unless extended by the Governor in  
19 accordance with section 11(c), Art. V of the State  
20 Constitution, the judicial nominating commission shall make  
21 its nominations no later than October 1, 1999, for vacancies  
22 created by sections 1 and 3 of this act.

23           Section 7. Except as otherwise provided herein, this  
24 act shall take effect September 1, 1999.



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HOUSE SUMMARY

Increases the number of circuit court judges in the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fifteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, and Twentieth Judicial Circuits. Increases the number of county court judges in Duval, Hillsborough, Leon, Polk, and Putnam Counties. Increases the number of appellate judges in the Fifth District Court of Appeal.