

By Senator Crist

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1                           A bill to be entitled  
2                           An act relating to judges; amending s. 26.031,  
3                           F.S.; increasing the number of circuit court  
4                           judges in certain circuits; amending s. 34.022,  
5                           F.S.; increasing the number of county court  
6                           judges in certain counties; amending s. 35.06,  
7                           F.S.; increasing the number of judges in the  
8                           second and fourth district courts of appeal;  
9                           specifying the date on which the terms begin  
10                          for the circuit and county court judicial  
11                          offices created by the act; providing an  
12                          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. Section 26.031, Florida Statutes, is  
17                         amended to read:

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

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JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
(1) First.....	24
(2) Second.....	<u>17</u> 16
(3) Third.....	7
(4) Fourth.....	<u>37</u> 35
(5) Fifth.....	<u>37</u> 31
(6) Sixth.....	<u>46</u> 45
(7) Seventh.....	<u>30</u> 27
(8) Eighth.....	<u>14</u> 13
(9) Ninth.....	<u>44</u> 43
(10) Tenth.....	<u>29</u> 28

1	(11) Eleventh.....	80
2	(12) Twelfth.....	21
3	(13) Thirteenth.....	<u>46</u> <del>45</del>
4	(14) Fourteenth.....	<u>12</u> <del>11</del>
5	(15) Fifteenth.....	<u>36</u> <del>35</del>
6	(16) Sixteenth.....	4
7	(17) Seventeenth.....	58
8	(18) Eighteenth.....	<u>27</u> <del>26</del>
9	(19) Nineteenth.....	<u>20</u> <del>19</del>
10	(20) Twentieth.....	<u>32</u> <del>31</del>

11           Section 2. Section 34.022, Florida Statutes, is  
12 amended to read:

13           34.022 Number of county court judges for each  
14 county.--The number of county court judges in each county  
15 shall be as follows:

17	COUNTY	TOTAL
18	(1) Alachua.....	5
19	(2) Baker.....	1
20	(3) Bay.....	4
21	(4) Bradford.....	1
22	(5) Brevard.....	<u>12</u> <del>11</del>
23	(6) Broward.....	32
24	(7) Calhoun.....	1
25	(8) Charlotte.....	3
26	(9) Citrus.....	1
27	(10) Clay.....	2
28	(11) Collier.....	6
29	(12) Columbia.....	1
30	(13) DeSoto.....	1
31	(14) Dixie.....	1

1	(15) Duval.....	<u>19</u> 17
2	(16) Escambia.....	5
3	(17) Flagler.....	1
4	(18) Franklin.....	1
5	(19) Gadsden.....	1
6	(20) Gilchrist.....	1
7	(21) Glades.....	1
8	(22) Gulf.....	1
9	(23) Hamilton.....	1
10	(24) Hardee.....	1
11	(25) Hendry.....	1
12	(26) Hernando.....	2
13	(27) Highlands.....	1
14	(28) Hillsborough.....	<u>21</u> 17
15	(29) Holmes.....	1
16	(30) Indian River.....	2
17	(31) Jackson.....	1
18	(32) Jefferson.....	1
19	(33) Lafayette.....	1
20	(34) Lake.....	3
21	(35) Lee.....	8
22	(36) Leon.....	5
23	(37) Levy.....	1
24	(38) Liberty.....	1
25	(39) Madison.....	1
26	(40) Manatee.....	4
27	(41) Marion.....	<u>5</u> 4
28	(42) Martin.....	3
29	(43) Miami-Dade.....	<u>44</u> 43
30	(44) Monroe.....	4
31	(45) Nassau.....	1

1	(46) Okaloosa.....	3
2	(47) Okeechobee.....	1
3	(48) Orange.....	<u>19</u> <del>18</del>
4	(49) Osceola.....	4
5	(50) Palm Beach.....	<u>21</u> <del>19</del>
6	(51) Pasco.....	7
7	(52) Pinellas.....	<u>18</u> <del>17</del>
8	(53) Polk.....	10
9	(54) Putnam.....	2
10	(55) St. Johns.....	2
11	(56) St. Lucie.....	4
12	(57) Santa Rosa.....	2
13	(58) Sarasota.....	5
14	(59) Seminole.....	6
15	(60) Sumter.....	1
16	(61) Suwannee.....	1
17	(62) Taylor.....	1
18	(63) Union.....	1
19	(64) Volusia.....	10
20	(65) Wakulla.....	1
21	(66) Walton.....	1
22	(67) Washington.....	1

23           Section 3. Effective January 8, 2008, section 35.06,  
24 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

25           35.06 Organization of district courts of appeal.--A  
26 district court of appeal shall be organized in each of the  
27 five appellate districts to be named District Court of Appeal,  
28 .... District. The number of judges of each district court of  
29 appeal shall be as follows:

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

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1                   (2) In the second district there shall be 15 ~~14~~  
2 judges.

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

4                   (4) In the fourth district there shall be 13 ~~12~~  
5 judges.

6                   (5) In the fifth district there shall be 10 judges.

7                   Section 4. The terms of the circuit and county court  
8 judicial offices created in sections 1 and 2 of this act shall  
9 begin on January 8, 2008.

10                  Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.  
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13                  SENATE SUMMARY  
14                  Increases the number of circuit court judges in certain  
15                  circuits, the number of county court judges in certain  
16                  counties, and the number of judges in the second and  
17                  fourth district courts of appeal.  
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