

FOR CONSIDERATION By the Committee on Appropriations

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to judges; amending s. 26.031, F.S.;  
increasing the number of circuit judges in certain  
judicial circuits; amending s. 34.022, F.S.;  
increasing the number of county court judges in  
certain counties; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (1), (5), (7), (18), (19), and (20)  
of section 26.031, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
(1) First .....	<u>27</u> <del>26</del>
(5) Fifth .....	<u>35</u> <del>34</del>
(7) Seventh .....	<u>30</u> <del>29</del>
(18) Eighteenth .....	<u>27</u> <del>26</del>
(19) Nineteenth .....	<u>21</u> <del>20</del>
(20) Twentieth .....	<u>40</u> <del>32</del>

Section 2. Subsections (15), (27), (28), (35), (43), (48),  
and (66) of section 34.022, Florida Statutes, are amended to  
read:

34.022 Number of county court judges for each county.—The  
number of county court judges in each county shall be as  
follows:

COUNTY	TOTAL
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30	(15) Duval .....	<u>20</u>	<del>17</del>
31	(27) Highlands .....	<u>2</u>	<del>1</del>
32	(28) Hillsborough .....	<u>26</u>	<del>25</del>
33	(35) Lee .....	<u>10</u>	<del>9</del>
34	(43) Miami-Dade .....	<u>50</u>	<del>47</del>
35	(48) Orange .....	<u>24</u>	<del>22</del>
36	(66) Walton .....	<u>2</u>	<del>1</del>
37	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.		