

House Bill No. 41-B

An act relating to judges; amending s. 26.031, F.S.; revising the number of circuit court judges in the Twentieth Judicial Circuit; amending s. 34.022, F.S.; revising the number of county court judges in Collier County; providing for the additional judges provided under the act to be appointed by the Governor; providing appropriations and authorizing positions and approved salary rates; providing effective dates.

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

Section 1. Effective January 2, 2006, section 26.031, Florida Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 2005-150, Laws of Florida, is 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	22
(2) Second	16
(3) Third	7
(4) Fourth	32
(5) Fifth	28
(6) Sixth	44
(7) Seventh	26
(8) Eighth	13
(9) Ninth	40
(10) Tenth	26
(11) Eleventh	77
(12) Twelfth	19
(13) Thirteenth	41
(14) Fourteenth	10
(15) Fifteenth	35
(16) Sixteenth	4

(17) Seventeenth 56

(18) Eighteenth 25

(19) Nineteenth 18

(20) Twentieth 25 ~~23~~

Section 2. Effective January 2, 2006, section 34.022, Florida Statutes, as amended by section 4 of chapter 2005-150, Laws of Florida, is 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
(1) Alachua	5
(2) Baker	1
(3) Bay	4
(4) Bradford	1
(5) Brevard	9
(6) Broward	28
(7) Calhoun	1
(8) Charlotte	2
(9) Citrus	1
(10) Clay	2
(11) Collier	<u>5</u> 3
(12) Columbia	1
(13) DeSoto	1
(14) Dixie	1
(15) Duval	16
(16) Escambia	5
(17) Flagler	1
(18) Franklin	1
(19) Gadsden	1

(20) Gilchrist 1

(21) Glades 1

(22) Gulf 1

(23) Hamilton 1

(24) Hardee 1

(25) Hendry 1

(26) Hernando 2

(27) Highlands 1

(28) Hillsborough 17

(29) Holmes 1

(30) Indian River 2

(31) Jackson 1

(32) Jefferson 1

(33) Lafayette 1

(34) Lake 3

(35) Lee 7

(36) Leon 5

(37) Levy 1

(38) Liberty 1

(39) Madison 1

(40) Manatee 4

(41) Marion 4

(42) Martin 3

(43) Miami-Dade 42

(44) Monroe 4

(45) Nassau 1

(46) Okaloosa 3

(47) Okeechobee 1

(48) Orange 16

(49) Osceola 3

(50) Palm Beach 18

(51) Pasco 5

(52) Pinellas 15

(53) Polk 9

(54) Putnam 2

(55) St. Johns 2

(56) St. Lucie 4

(57) Santa Rosa 2

(58) Sarasota 5

(59) Seminole 6

(60) Sumter 1

(61) Suwannee 1

(62) Taylor 1

(63) Union 1

(64) Volusia 10

(65) Wakulla 1

(66) Walton 1

(67) Washington 1

Section 3. The judges filling new offices created by this act shall be appointed by the Governor.

Section 4. The sums of \$517,568 in recurring funds and \$20,214 in nonrecurring funds are appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the circuit and county courts for the 2005-2006 fiscal year, and 9 full-time equivalent positions and 705,157 in approved salary rate are authorized. The sum of \$41,846 in recurring funds is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Office of the State Attorney 20th Circuit for the 2005-2006 fiscal year, and 2 full-time equivalent positions and 58,791 in approved salary rate are authorized.

Section 5. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor December 14, 2005.

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