

CHAPTER 2024-194

House Bill No. 5401

An act relating to judges; amending ss. 26.031 and 34.022, F.S.; revising the number of circuit court judges and county court judges, respectively; providing a declaration of important state interest; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (1) 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>2625</u>
(20) Twentieth.....	<u>3231</u>

Section 2. Subsections (12), (28), (48), and (57) 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
(12) Columbia.....	<u>21</u>
(28) Hillsborough.....	<u>2523</u>
(48) Orange.....	<u>2219</u>
(57) Santa Rosa.....	<u>32</u>

Section 3. The Legislature finds and declares that this act fulfills an important state interest.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor May 16, 2024.

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