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By: **Chairman, Judiciary Committee (Judiciary)**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Judgeships - Circuit Courts and District Court**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the number of resident judges authorized for the
4 circuit courts for Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Montgomery, Prince
5 George's and Worcester counties and Baltimore City; increasing the number of
6 associate judges of the District Court in districts 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6; specifying the
7 number of District Court judges to be appointed from certain counties; making a
8 ~~certain provision~~ certain provisions of this Act subject to a ~~certain contingency~~
9 certain contingencies; and generally relating to the number of authorized
10 judgeships in the circuit courts and the District Court of Maryland.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
13 Section 1-503(a)(2), (3), (4), (15), (16), and (23) and (b) and 1-603(b)(1), (2), (4),
14 (5), and (6)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
18 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
19 Section 1-602
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

1 Section 1-503(a)(15)
 2 Annotated Code of Maryland
 3 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)
 4 (As enacted by Chapter _____(S.B. _____(1r2038)/H.B. _____(1r2039)) of the
 5 Acts of the General Assembly of 2001)

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
 7 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

8 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

9 1-503.

10 (a) In each county in the first seven judicial circuits there shall be the number
 11 of resident judges of the circuit court set forth below, including the judge or judges
 12 provided for by the Constitution:

- 13 (2) Anne Arundel [10] 12
- 14 (3) Baltimore County..... [16] 18
- 15 (4) Calvert..... [2] 3
- 16 (15) Montgomery [17] 19
- 17 (16) Prince George's..... [23] 25
- 18 (23) Worcester [2] 3

19 (b) In Baltimore City there shall be [30] 32 resident judges of the Circuit
 20 Court for Baltimore City.

21 1-602.

22 For the purposes of operation and administration of the District Court, the State
 23 is divided into the following districts:

- 24 (1) District 1 - Baltimore City.
- 25 (2) District 2 - Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester Counties.
- 26 (3) District 3 - Caroline, Talbot, Queen Anne's, Kent, and Cecil Counties.
- 27 (4) District 4 - Charles, St. Mary's, and Calvert Counties.
- 28 (5) District 5 - Prince George's County.
- 29 (6) District 6 - Montgomery County.
- 30 (7) District 7 - Anne Arundel County.

- 1 (8) District 8 - Baltimore County.
- 2 (9) District 9 - Harford County.
- 3 (10) District 10 - Howard and Carroll Counties.
- 4 (11) District 11 - Frederick and Washington Counties.
- 5 (12) District 12 - Allegany and Garrett Counties.

6 1-603.

7 (b) In each of the districts provided for in § 1-602 of this subtitle, there shall
8 be the following number of associate judges of the District Court:

- 9 (1) District 1 -- [26] 27
- 10 (2) District 2 -- [5] 6, two to be appointed from Wicomico County AND
11 TWO TO BE APPOINTED FROM WORCESTER COUNTY
- 12 (4) District 4 -- [4] 5, two to be appointed from Charles County AND
13 TWO TO BE APPOINTED FROM ST. MARY'S COUNTY
- 14 (5) District 5 -- [13] 14

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
16 read as follows:

17 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

18 1-603.

19 (b) In each of the districts provided for in § 1-602 of this subtitle, there shall
20 be the following number of associate judges of the District Court:

- 21 (6) District 6 -- [13] 14

22 SECTION 2-3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
23 read as follows:

24 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

25 1-503.

26 (a) In each county in the first seven judicial circuits there shall be the number
27 of resident judges of the circuit court set forth below, including the judge or judges
28 provided for by the Constitution:

- 29 (15) Montgomery[21] 23

1 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall
2 take effect July 1, 2001, contingent on the failure of S.B. 659 and H.B. 766 during the
3 2001 Session of the General Assembly. If Chapter _____ (S.B. 659/H.B. 766) of the
4 Acts of the General Assembly of 2001 becomes effective, Section 2 of this Act shall be
5 null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.

6 SECTION ~~3~~ 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section ~~2~~ 3 of this Act
7 shall take effect July 1, 2001, contingent on the taking effect of Chapter _____ (S.B.
8 _____(1r2038)/H.B. _____(1r2039)) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001,
9 and if Chapter _____ does not become effective, Section ~~2~~ 3 of this Act shall be null
10 and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.

11 SECTION ~~4~~ 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in
12 Section ~~3~~ 5 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001.