

CHAPTER 269

(Senate Bill 497)

AN ACT concerning

Circuit Court Judgeships – Workforce Planning – Counties of Greatest Identified Need

FOR the purpose of altering the number of resident judges of the circuit court in certain judicial circuits; making this Act subject to certain contingencies; and generally relating to judgeships in the circuit courts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 1–503
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

1–503.

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

(1)	Allegany	2
(2)	Anne Arundel.....	[11] 12
(3)	Baltimore County	[17] 18
(4)	Calvert.....	2
(5)	Caroline.....	1
(6)	Carroll	3
(7)	Charles	4
(8)	Cecil.....	3

(9) Dorchester..... 1

(10) Frederick..... 4

(11) Garrett 1

(12) Harford..... 5

(13) Howard..... 5

(14) Kent..... 1

(15) Montgomery [21] **22**

(16) Prince George’s 23

(17) Queen Anne’s 1

(18) St. Mary’s 3

(19) Somerset..... 1

(20) Talbot 1

(21) Washington 5

(22) Wicomico 3

(23) Worcester 3

(b) In Baltimore City there shall be [32] **33** resident judges of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2009, contingent on the appropriation of funds in the State budget for fiscal year 2010 to implement this Act. If funds are not appropriated in the State budget for fiscal year 2010 to implement this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2010, contingent on the appropriation of funds in the State budget for fiscal year 2011 to implement this Act. If funds are not appropriated in the State budget for fiscal year 2010 or fiscal year 2011 to implement this Act, this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.

Approved by the Governor, May 7, 2009.