

Chapter 749

**(Senate Bill 205)**

AN ACT concerning

**Judgeships – Circuit Court and District Court**

FOR the purpose of altering the number of resident judges of the circuit court in a certain county; altering the number of resident judges of the District Court in certain districts; and generally relating to judgeships in circuit courts and the District Court.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 1–503 and 1–603(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2018 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 .....	13
(3)	Baltimore County.....	20
(4)	Calvert.....	3
(5)	Caroline .....	1
(6)	Carroll.....	4
(7)	Cecil .....	4
(8)	Charles .....	5
(9)	Dorchester .....	1

(10) Frederick ..... 6

(11) Garrett..... 1

(12) Harford ..... 6

(13) Howard ..... 5

(14) Kent ..... 1

(15) Montgomery ..... 24

(16) Prince George’s..... 24

(17) Queen Anne’s ..... 1

(18) St. Mary’s ..... 3

(19) Somerset..... 1

(20) Talbot..... 1

(21) Washington ..... **[5] 6**

(22) Wicomico..... 4

(23) Worcester..... 3

(b) In Baltimore City there shall be 35 resident judges of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

1–603.

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

(1) District 1 — 28

(2) District 2 — 6, two to be appointed from Wicomico County and two to be appointed from Worcester County

(3) District 3 — 6, two to be appointed from Cecil County

(4) District 4 — **[6] 7**, two to be appointed from Calvert County, **TWO TO BE APPOINTED FROM ST. MARY’S COUNTY**, and three to be appointed from Charles County

(5) District 5 — [17] **19**

(6) District 6 — 13

(7) District 7 — ~~9~~ 10 **10**

(8) District 8 — [13] **15**

(9) District 9 — 4

(10) District 10 — 7, two to be appointed from Carroll County and five to be appointed from Howard County

(11) District 11 — 5, three to be appointed from Frederick County and two to be appointed from Washington County

(12) District 12 — 3, two to be appointed from Allegany County

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 25, 2019.**