

# HOUSE BILL 159

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By: **The Speaker (By Request)**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Judgeships – Circuit Court and District Court**

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

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
8 Section 1–503 and 1–603(b)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

14 1–503.

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

18 (1) Allegany..... 2

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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1	(2)	Anne Arundel .....	13
2	(3)	Baltimore County.....	20
3	(4)	Calvert.....	3
4	(5)	Caroline .....	1
5	(6)	Carroll.....	4
6	(7)	Cecil .....	4
7	(8)	Charles .....	5
8	(9)	Dorchester .....	1
9	(10)	Frederick .....	6
10	(11)	Garrett.....	1
11	(12)	Harford .....	6
12	(13)	Howard .....	5
13	(14)	Kent .....	1
14	(15)	Montgomery .....	24
15	(16)	Prince George's.....	24
16	(17)	Queen Anne's .....	1
17	(18)	St. Mary's .....	3
18	(19)	Somerset.....	1
19	(20)	Talbot.....	1
20	(21)	Washington .....	<b>[5] 6</b>
21	(22)	Wicomico.....	4
22	(23)	Worcester.....	3

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

1 1-603.

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

4 (1) District 1 — 28

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

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

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

11 (5) District 5 — **[17] 19**

12 (6) District 6 — 13

13 (7) District 7 — **[9] 10**

14 (8) District 8 — **[13] 15**

15 (9) District 9 — 4

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

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

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

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
22 1, 2019.