
By: The Speaker (Judiciary)

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 1997

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Judgeships - Trial Courts**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the number of judges authorized for the circuit courts for
4 certain counties; altering the number of judges authorized for the District Court;
5 and providing a delayed effective date for a certain provision of this Act.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
8 Section 1-503(a)(2), (3), (15), and (16) and 1-603(b)(5) and (6)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, 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 (2) Anne Arundel.....[9] 10
- 19 (15) Montgomery..... [16] 17
- 20 (16) Prince George's..... [20] 21

21 1-603.

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

- 24 (5) District 5 -- [11] 12
- 25 (6) District 6 -- [12] 13

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

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2 1-503.

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

6 (3) Baltimore County..... [15] 16

7 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall
8 take effect July 1, 1997.

9 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall
10 take effect January 1, 1998.