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By: **The Speaker (Judiciary)**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Judgeships - District Court - Prince George's and Frederick Counties**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the number of associate judges of the District Court in  
4 Districts 5 and 11; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally  
5 relating to the associate judges of the District Court.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
8 Section 1-602  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1998 Replacement Volume)

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12 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
13 Section 1-603(a) and (b)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1998 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

19 1-602.

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

22 (1) District 1 -- Baltimore City.

23 (2) District 2 -- Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester  
24 Counties.

25 (3) District 3 -- Caroline, Talbot, Queen Anne's, Kent, and Cecil  
26 Counties.

- 1 (4) District 4 -- Charles, St. Mary's, and Calvert Counties.
- 2 (5) District 5 -- Prince George's County.
- 3 (6) District 6 -- Montgomery County.
- 4 (7) District 7 -- Anne Arundel County.
- 5 (8) District 8 -- Baltimore County.
- 6 (9) District 9 -- Harford County.
- 7 (10) District 10 -- Howard and Carroll Counties.
- 8 (11) District 11 -- Frederick and Washington Counties.
- 9 (12) District 12 -- Allegany and Garrett Counties.

10 1-603.

11 (a) The court is composed of a Chief Judge and the number of associate judges  
12 provided for in subsection (b) of this section. If the Chief Judge is relieved of [his]  
13 THE JUDGE'S duties as Chief Judge but not removed from office as a judge of the  
14 District Court, [he] THE CHIEF JUDGE shall serve for the remainder of [his] THE  
15 JUDGE'S term of office as a District Court judge, as a resident judge of [his] THE  
16 JUDGE'S district and county of residence, without reference to the maximum number  
17 of judges for that district prescribed in subsection (b) OF THIS SECTION.

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

- 20 (1) District 1 -- 26
- 21 (2) District 2 -- 5, two to be appointed from Wicomico County
- 22 (3) District 3 -- 6, two to be appointed from Cecil County
- 23 (4) District 4 -- 4, two to be appointed from Charles County
- 24 (5) District 5 -- [12] 13
- 25 (6) District 6 -- 13
- 26 (7) District 7 -- 8
- 27 (8) District 8 -- 13
- 28 (9) District 9 -- 4
- 29 (10) District 10 -- 7, two to be appointed from Carroll County and five to  
30 be appointed from Howard County

1                   (11)     District 11 -- [4] 5, [two] THREE to be appointed from Frederick  
2 County and two to be appointed from Washington County

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

4     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 July 1, 1999.