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By: **The Speaker (Judiciary)**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2000

Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Judgeships - Circuit Courts and District Court**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the number of judges authorized for Circuits 1, 3, 5, 6,  
4 7, and 8 (Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Worcester  
5 counties and Baltimore City); increasing the number of associate judges of the  
6 District Court in District 4 and providing for the effective date of this Act.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
9 Section 1-503(a)(2), (3), (15), (16), and (23) and (b) and 1-603(b)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
14 Section 1-602  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

20 1-503.

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

- 24 (2) Anne Arundel .....[10] 11
- 25 (3) Baltimore County.....[16] 17
- 26 (15) Montgomery .....[17] 18

- 1 (16) Prince George's.....[23] 24
- 2 (23) Worcester ..... [2] 3

3 (b) In Baltimore City there shall be [30] 31 resident judges of the Circuit  
4 Court for Baltimore City.

5 1-602.

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

- 8 (1) District 1 -- Baltimore City.
- 9 (2) District 2 -- Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester  
10 Counties.
- 11 (3) District 3 -- Caroline, Talbot, Queen Anne's, Kent, and Cecil  
12 Counties.
- 13 (4) District 4 -- Charles, St. Mary's, and Calvert Counties.
- 14 (5) District 5 -- Prince George's County.
- 15 (6) District 6 -- Montgomery County.
- 16 (7) District 7 -- Anne Arundel County.
- 17 (8) District 8 -- Baltimore County.
- 18 (9) District 9 -- Harford County.
- 19 (10) District 10 -- Howard and Carroll Counties.
- 20 (11) District 11 -- Frederick and Washington Counties.
- 21 (12) District 12 -- Allegany and Garrett Counties.

22 1-603.

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

- 25 (1) District 1 -- 26
- 26 (2) District 2 -- 5, two to be appointed from Wicomico County
- 27 (3) District 3 -- 6, two to be appointed from Cecil County
- 28 (4) District 4 -- [4] 5, two to be appointed from Charles County
- 29 (5) District 5 -- 13

1           (6)     District 6 -- 13

2           (7)     District 7 -- 8

3           (8)     District 8 -- 13

4           (9)     District 9 -- 4

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

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

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

10       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 July 1, 2000.