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By: **The President (Judiciary)**  
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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the number of resident judges authorized for ~~Circuits~~  
4 ~~1, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8 ( the circuit courts for Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery,~~  
5 ~~Prince George's, and Worcester counties and Baltimore City)~~; increasing the  
6 number of associate judges of the District Court in District 4 ~~and providing for~~  
7 ~~the effective date of this Act;~~ and specifying the number of associate judges of  
8 the District Court to be appointed from St. Mary's County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
11 Section 1-503(a)(2), (3), (15), (16), and (23) and (b) and 1-603(b)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
15 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
16 Section 1-602  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
20 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:

- (2) Anne Arundel .....[10] 11
- (3) Baltimore County.....[16] 17
- (15) Montgomery .....[17] 18
- (16) Prince George's.....[23] 24
- (23) Worcester ..... [2] 3

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

1-602.

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

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

1 1-603.

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

4 (1) District 1 -- 26

5 (2) District 2 -- 5, two to be appointed from Wicomico County

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

7 (4) District 4 -- [4] 5, two to be appointed from Charles County and two  
8 to be appointed from St. Mary's County

9 (5) District 5 -- 13

10 (6) District 6 -- 13

11 (7) District 7 -- 8

12 (8) District 8 -- 13

13 (9) District 9 -- 4

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

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

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

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