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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 the~~  
4 ~~circuit courts for Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Montgomery, Prince~~  
5 ~~George's and Worcester counties and Baltimore City~~; increasing the number of  
6 associate judges of the District Court in districts 1, 2, 4, and 5, and 6; specifying  
7 the number of District Court judges to be appointed from certain counties;  
8 ~~making a certain provision of this Act subject to a certain contingency~~; and  
9 generally relating to the number of authorized judgeships in ~~the circuit courts~~  
10 ~~and~~ the District Court of Maryland.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
13 ~~Section 1-503(a)(2), (3), (4), (15), (16), and (23) and (b) and 1-603(b)(1), (2), (4),~~  
14 ~~(5), and (6)~~  
15 Section 1-603(b)(1), (2), (4), and (5)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
19 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
20 Section 1-602  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

23 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

1 Article—Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
 2 Section 1-503(a)(15)  
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 4 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)  
 5 (As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_\_(S.B. \_\_\_\_\_(1r2038)/H.B. \_\_\_\_\_(1r2039)) of the  
 6 Acts of the General Assembly of 2001)

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

9 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

10 ~~1-503.~~

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

- 14 (2) Anne Arundel .....[10] 12
- 15 (3) Baltimore County.....[16] 18
- 16 (4) Calvert..... [2] 3
- 17 (15) Montgomery.....[17] 19
- 18 (16) Prince George's.....[23] 25
- 19 (23) Worcester..... [2] 3

20 (b) In Baltimore City there shall be [30] 32 resident judges of the Circuit  
 21 Court for Baltimore City.

22 1-602.

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

- 25 (1) District 1 - Baltimore City.
- 26 (2) District 2 - Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester Counties.
- 27 (3) District 3 - Caroline, Talbot, Queen Anne's, Kent, and Cecil Counties.
- 28 (4) District 4 - Charles, St. Mary's, and Calvert Counties.
- 29 (5) District 5 - Prince George's County.
- 30 (6) District 6 - Montgomery County.

- 1 (7) District 7 - Anne Arundel County.
- 2 (8) District 8 - Baltimore County.
- 3 (9) District 9 - Harford County.
- 4 (10) District 10 - Howard and Carroll Counties.
- 5 (11) District 11 - Frederick and Washington Counties.
- 6 (12) District 12 - Allegany and Garrett Counties.

7 1-603.

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

- 10 (1) District 1 -- [26] 27
- 11 (2) District 2 -- [5] 6, two to be appointed from Wicomico County AND  
12 TWO TO BE APPOINTED FROM WORCESTER COUNTY
- 13 (4) District 4 -- [4] 5, two to be appointed from Charles County AND,  
14 TWO TO BE APPOINTED FROM ST. MARY'S COUNTY, AND ONE TO BE APPOINTED FROM  
15 CALVERT COUNTY
- 16 (5) District 5 -- [13] 14
- 17 (6) ~~District 6~~ -- [13] 14

18 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland~~  
19 ~~read as follows:~~

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 (15) ~~Montgomery.....[21] 23~~

25 ~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall~~  
26 ~~take effect July 1, 2001, contingent on the taking effect of Chapter \_\_\_\_\_(S.B.~~  
27 ~~\_\_\_\_\_(11r2038)/H.B. \_\_\_\_\_(11r2039)) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001,~~  
28 ~~and if Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ does not become effective, Section 2 of this Act shall be null and~~  
29 ~~void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.~~

30 SECTION 4. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, ~~except as provided in~~  
31 ~~Section 3 of this Act,~~ this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

