
By: **Delegates Vallario, Bohanan, O'Donnell, Wood, W. Baker, and Marriott**
Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2002
Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Judgeships - District Court**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the number of associate judges of the District Court in
4 districts 1, 2, 4, and 5; specifying the number of District Court judges to be
5 appointed from certain counties; and generally relating to increasing the
6 number of authorized judgeships in the District Court of Maryland.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
9 Section 1-602
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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13 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
14 Section 1-603(b)(1), (2), (4), and (5)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 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 1-602.

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

23 (1) District 1 -- Baltimore City.

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

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

12 1-603.

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

15 (1) District 1 -- [26] 27

16 (2) District 2 -- [5] 6, two to be appointed from Wicomico County AND
17 TWO TO BE APPOINTED FROM WORCESTER COUNTY

18 (4) District 4 -- [4] 5, two to be appointed from Charles County, TWO TO
19 BE APPOINTED FROM ST. MARY'S COUNTY, AND ONE TO BE APPOINTED FROM
20 CALVERT COUNTY

21 (5) District 5 -- [13] 14

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 July 1, 2002.