
By: **The Speaker (By Request - Maryland Judiciary)**

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2005

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of altering the number of resident judges of the circuit court in
4 certain judicial circuits; altering the number of associate judges of the District
5 Court in certain districts; specifying the number of District Court judges to be
6 appointed from certain counties; and generally relating to judgeships in the
7 circuit courts and the District Court of Maryland.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
10 Section 1-503 and 1-603(b)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

16 1-503.

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

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|----|-----|-----------------------|-------|---------|
| 20 | (1) | Allegany | | 2 |
| 21 | (2) | Anne Arundel | | [10] 11 |
| 22 | (3) | Baltimore County..... | | [16] 17 |
| 23 | (4) | Calvert | | 2 |
| 24 | (5) | Caroline | ..... | 1 |
| 25 | (6) | Carroll | ..... | 3 |

1	(7)	Charles	.....	4
2	(8)	Cecil	.....	3
3	(9)	Dorchester	.....	1
4	(10)	Frederick	.....	4
5	(11)	Garrett	.....	1
6	(12)	Harford	.....	5
7	(13)	Howard	.....	5
8	(14)	Kent	.....	1
9	(15)	Montgomery	.....	[20] 21
10	(16)	Prince George's	.....	23
11	(17)	Queen Anne's	.....	1
12	(18)	St. Mary's	.....	3
13	(19)	Somerset	.....	1
14	(20)	Talbot	.....	1
15	(21)	Washington	.....	[4] 5
16	(22)	Wicomico	.....	3
17	(23)	Worcester	.....	[2] 3

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

20 1-603.

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

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

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

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

27 (4) District 4 -- [4] 5, TWO TO BE APPOINTED FROM CALVERT COUNTY
28 AND two to be appointed from Charles County

1 (5) District 5 -- [13] 15

2 (6) District 6 -- 11

3 (7) District 7 -- [8] 9

4 (8) District 8 -- 13

5 (9) District 9 -- 4

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

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

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

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
12 effect July 1, 2005.