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

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CHAPTER\_\_\_\_\_

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:

20 (1) Allegany ..... 2

21 (2) Anne Arundel ..... [10] 11

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

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

24 1-603.

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 (6) District 6 -- 11

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

9 (8) District 8 -- 13

10 (9) District 9 -- 4

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

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

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

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