

SENATE BILL 497

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By: **Senator Frosh**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Circuit Court Judgeships – Workforce Planning – Counties of Greatest**
3 **Identified Need**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the number of resident judges of the circuit court in
5 certain judicial circuits; making this Act subject to certain contingencies; and
6 generally relating to judgeships in the circuit courts.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
9 Section 1–503
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

15 1–503.

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

23 (b) In Baltimore City there shall be [32] **33** resident judges of the Circuit
24 Court for Baltimore City.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 July 1, 2009, contingent on the appropriation of funds in the State budget for fiscal
3 year 2010 to implement this Act. If funds are not appropriated in the State budget for
4 fiscal year 2010 to implement this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2010,
5 contingent on the appropriation of funds in the State budget for fiscal year 2011 to
6 implement this Act. If funds are not appropriated in the State budget for fiscal year
7 2010 or fiscal year 2011 to implement this Act, this Act shall be null and void without
8 the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.