

# HOUSE BILL 74

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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 certain  
4 counties and Baltimore City; altering the number of resident judges of the District  
5 Court in certain districts; and generally relating to judgeships in the circuit courts  
6 and the District Court.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
9 Section 1–503 and 1–603(b)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
13 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 number of  
17 resident judges of the circuit court set forth below, including the judge or judges provided  
18 for by the Constitution:

19 (1) Allegany..... 2

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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 .....	[12] 13
2	(3)	Baltimore County.....	[18] 20
3	(4)	Calvert.....	3
4	(5)	Caroline .....	1
5	(6)	Carroll.....	4
6	(7)	Cecil .....	4
7	(8)	Charles .....	[4] 5
8	(9)	Dorchester .....	1
9	(10)	Frederick .....	[5] 6
10	(11)	Garrett.....	1
11	(12)	Harford .....	[5] 6
12	(13)	Howard .....	5
13	(14)	Kent .....	1
14	(15)	Montgomery .....	[22] 24
15	(16)	Prince George's.....	[23] 24
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.....	4
22	(23)	Worcester.....	3

1 (b) In Baltimore City there shall be [33] **35** resident judges of the Circuit Court  
2 for Baltimore City.

3 1-603.

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

6 (1) District 1 — 28

7 (2) District 2 — 6, two to be appointed from Wicomico County and two to  
8 be appointed from Worcester County

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

10 (4) District 4 — 6, two to be appointed from Calvert County and three to be  
11 appointed from Charles County

12 (5) District 5 — [16] **17**

13 (6) District 6 — [12] **13**

14 (7) District 7 — 9

15 (8) District 8 — 13

16 (9) District 9 — 4

17 (10) District 10 — 7, two to be appointed from Carroll County and five to be  
18 appointed from Howard County

19 (11) District 11 — 5, three to be appointed from Frederick County and two  
20 to be appointed from Washington County

21 (12) District 12 — 3, two to be appointed from Allegany County

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
23 1, 2016.