

SENATE BILL 117

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By: **The President (By Request – Maryland Judiciary)**

Introduced and read first time: January 14, 2016

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

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 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
- 20 (2) Anne Arundel [12] 13
- 21 (3) Baltimore County..... [18] 20

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 (4) Calvert..... 3

2 (5) Caroline 1

3 (6) Carroll..... 4

4 (7) Cecil 4

5 (8) Charles [4] 5

6 (9) Dorchester 1

7 (10) Frederick [5] 6

8 (11) Garrett..... 1

9 (12) Harford [5] 6

10 (13) Howard 5

11 (14) Kent 1

12 (15) Montgomery [22] 24

13 (16) Prince George’s..... [23] 24

14 (17) Queen Anne’s 1

15 (18) St. Mary’s 3

16 (19) Somerset..... 1

17 (20) Talbot..... 1

18 (21) Washington 5

19 (22) Wicomico..... 4

20 (23) Worcester..... 3

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

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

3 (1) District 1 — 28

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

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

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

9 (5) District 5 — [16] **17**

10 (6) District 6 — [12] **13**

11 (7) District 7 — 9

12 (8) District 8 — 13

13 (9) District 9 — 4

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

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

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

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
20 1, 2016.