

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Conforming Bill  
Relating to the Judicial Branch

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the judicial branch; amending s.  
3           26.031, F.S.; revising the number of circuit court judges  
4           in certain judicial circuits; amending s. 34.022, F.S.;  
5           revising the number of county court judges in certain  
6           counties; amending s. 35.06, F.S.; providing for  
7           additional judges in the Sixth District Court of Appeals;  
8           providing an effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12           Section 1. Subsections (1), (4), (5), (7), (9), (10), (12),  
13           (14), (15), (18), (19) and (20) of section 26.031, Florida  
14           Statutes, are amended to read:

15           26.031 Judicial circuits; number of judges.-The number of  
16           circuit judges in each circuit shall be as follows:

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18 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT TOTAL

- 19           (1) First.....27 ~~26~~  
20           (4) Fourth.....36 ~~35~~  
21           (5) Fifth.....34 ~~31~~  
22           (7) Seventh.....29 ~~27~~  
23           (9) Ninth.....47 ~~46~~  
24           (10) Tenth.....30 ~~28~~  
25           (12) Twelfth.....23 ~~22~~  
26           (14) Fourteenth.....14 ~~13~~  
27           (15) Fifteenth.....37 ~~35~~

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28 (18) Eighteenth.....27 ~~26~~

29 (19) Nineteenth.....20 ~~19~~

30 (20) Twentieth.....36 ~~32~~

31 Section 2. Subsections (3), (10), (15), (26), (28), (34),  
32 (35), (40), (41), (43), (45), (48), (49), (50), (53), (60) and  
33 (66) of section 34.022, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

34 34.022 Number of county court judges for each county.—The  
35 number of county court judges in each county shall be as  
36 follows:

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38 COUNTY

39 (3) Bay.....5 ~~4~~

40 (10) Clay.....3 ~~2~~

41 (15) Duval.....19 ~~17~~

42 (26) Hernando.....3 ~~2~~

43 (28) Hillsborough.....26 ~~25~~

44 (34) Lake.....5 ~~4~~

45 (35) Lee.....10 ~~9~~

46 (40) Manatee.....5 ~~4~~

47 (41) Marion.....5 ~~4~~

48 (43) Miami-Dade.....47 ~~43~~

49 (45) Nassau.....2 ~~1~~

50 (48) Orange.....23 ~~22~~

51 (49) Osceola.....5 ~~4~~

52 (50) Palm Beach.....21 ~~19~~

53 (53) Polk.....11 ~~10~~

54 (60) Sumter.....2 ~~1~~

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55 (66) Walton.....2 ±

56 Section 3. Subsection (6) of s. 35.06, Florida Statutes, is  
57 amended to read:

58 35.06 Organization of district courts of appeal.—A district  
59 court of appeal shall be organized in each of the six appellate  
60 districts to be named District Court of Appeal, \_\_\_\_\_ District.  
61 The number of judges of each district court of appeal shall be  
62 as follows:

63 (6) In the sixth district there shall be 11 ~~9~~ judges.

64 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming law.