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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 743**
2 House Amendments in [ ] — February 8, 2018
3 *A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 16.1-69.6:1, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective,*
4 *and 17.1-507 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the maximum number of judges in each judicial*
5 *district and circuit.*
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   Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Leftwich
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8 Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
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10 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
11 **1. That §§ 16.1-69.6:1, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, and 17.1-507 of**
12 **the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**
13 **§ 16.1-69.6:1. (Effective until July 1, 2018) Number of judges.**
14 For the several judicial districts there shall be full-time general district court judges and juvenile and
15 domestic relations district court judges, the maximum number as hereinafter set forth, who shall during
16 their service reside within their respective districts, except as provided in § 16.1-69.16, and whose
17 compensation and powers shall be the same as now and hereafter prescribed for general district court
18 judges and juvenile and domestic relations district court judges.
19 The maximum number of judges of the districts shall be as follows:

	General District Court Judges	Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judges
First	4	4
Second	7	~~7~~ 6
Two-A	~~1~~ 2	1
Third	2	3
Fourth	6	5
Fifth	~~2~~ 3	2
Sixth	~~4~~ 5	~~2~~ 3
Seventh	4	4
Eighth	3	3
Ninth	3	4
Tenth	3	~~4~~ 3
Eleventh	3	3
Twelfth	5	6
Thirteenth	6	~~4~~ 5
Fourteenth	5	5
Fifteenth	8	~~10~~ 9
Sixteenth	4	6
Seventeenth	3	2
Eighteenth	2	2
Nineteenth	11	~~7~~ 8
Twentieth	4	3
Twenty-first	~~1~~ 2	2
Twenty-second	2	4
Twenty-third	4	5
Twenty-fourth	3	6
Twenty-fifth	[~~3~~ 4]	5
Twenty-sixth	5	7
Twenty-seventh	5	5
Twenty-eighth	~~2~~ 3	3
Twenty-ninth	2	3
Thirtieth	2	~~2~~ 3
Thirty-first	5	5

54 The election or appointment of any district judge shall be subject to the provisions of § 16.1-69.9:3.
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57 domestic relations district court judges, the maximum number as hereinafter set forth, who shall during
58 their service reside within their respective districts, except as provided in § 16.1-69.16, and whose
59 compensation and powers shall be the same as now and hereafter prescribed for general district court
60 judges and juvenile and domestic relations district court judges.
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Third	2	3
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Fifth	~~2~~ 3	2
Sixth	~~4~~ 5	~~2~~ 3
Seventh	4	4
Eighth	3	3
Ninth	3	4
Tenth	3	~~4~~ 3
Eleventh	3	3
Twelfth	5	6
Thirteenth	6	~~4~~ 5
Fourteenth	5	5
Fifteenth	8	~~10~~ 9
Sixteenth	4	6
Seventeenth	3	2
Eighteenth	2	2
Nineteenth	11	8
Twentieth	4	3
Twenty-first	~~1~~ 2	2
Twenty-second	2	4
Twenty-third	4	5
Twenty-fourth	3	6
Twenty-fifth	4	5
Twenty-sixth	5	7
Twenty-seventh	5	5
Twenty-eighth	~~2~~ 3	3
Twenty-ninth	2	3
Thirtieth	2	~~2~~ 3
Thirty-first	5	5

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§ 17.1-507. Maximum number of judges; residence requirement; compensation; powers; etc.

A. For the several judicial circuits there shall be judges, the maximum number as hereinafter set forth, who shall during their service reside within their respective circuits and whose compensation and powers shall be the same as now and hereafter prescribed for circuit judges.

The maximum number of judges of the circuits shall be as follows:

First — 5
Second — ~~9~~ 8
Third — 4
Fourth — 8
Fifth — ~~3~~ 4
Sixth — 3
Seventh — ~~6~~ 5
Eighth — 3
Ninth — 4
Tenth — 4
Eleventh — 3
Twelfth — 6
Thirteenth — ~~8~~ 7
Fourteenth — 5
Fifteenth — 11
Sixteenth — 6
Seventeenth — ~~3~~ 4
Eighteenth — ~~4~~ 3
Nineteenth — 15
Twentieth — 5
Twenty-first — ~~2~~ 3
Twenty-second — ~~5~~ 4
Twenty-third — 5
Twenty-fourth — ~~5~~ 6
Twenty-fifth — ~~5~~ 6

127   Twenty-sixth — 8
128   Twenty-seventh — ~~7~~ *6*
129   Twenty-eighth — 4
130   Twenty-ninth — 5
131   Thirtieth — 4
132   Thirty-first — 6
133   B. No additional circuit court judge shall be authorized or provided for any judicial circuit until the
134 Judicial Council has made a study of the need for such additional circuit court judge and has reported
135 its findings and recommendations to the Courts of Justice Committees of the House of Delegates and
136 Senate. The boundary of any judicial circuit shall not be changed until a study has been made by the
137 Judicial Council and a report of its findings and recommendations made to said Committees.
138   C. If the Judicial Council finds the need for an additional circuit court judge after a study is made
139 pursuant to subsection B, the study shall be made available to the Compensation Board and the Courts
140 of Justice Committees of the House of Delegates and Senate and Council shall publish notice of such
141 finding in a publication of general circulation among attorneys licensed to practice in the
142 Commonwealth. The Compensation Board shall make a study of the need to provide additional
143 courtroom security and deputy court clerk staffing. This study shall be reported to the Courts of Justice
144 Committees of the House of Delegates and the Senate, and to the Department of Planning and Budget.
145 **2. That the provisions of this act reducing the number of authorized judgeships in the Second**
146 **Judicial Circuit shall become effective upon the death, resignation, or retirement on or after**
147 **January 1, 2018, of any judge of that court.**