

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 16.1-69.6:1, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, and 17.1-507 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the maximum number of judges in each judicial district and circuit.

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Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 16.1-69.6:1, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, and 17.1-507 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 16.1-69.6:1. (Effective until July 1, 2018) Number of judges.

For the several judicial districts there shall be full-time general district court judges and juvenile and domestic relations district court judges, the maximum number as hereinafter set forth, who shall during their service reside within their respective districts, except as provided in § 16.1-69.16, and whose compensation and powers shall be the same as now and hereafter prescribed for general district court judges and juvenile and domestic relations district court judges.

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	4 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	4 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

The election or appointment of any district judge shall be subject to the provisions of § 16.1-69.9:3.

§ 16.1-69.6:1. (Effective July 1, 2018) Number of judges.

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

General District	Juvenile and Domestic
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		Court Judges	Relations District Court Judges
60			
61	First	4	4
62	Second	7	7 6
63	Two-A	1 2	1
64	Third	2	3
65	Fourth	6	5
66	Fifth	2 3	2
67	Sixth	4 5	2 3
68	Seventh	4	4
69	Eighth	3	3
70	Ninth	3	4
71	Tenth	3	4 3
72	Eleventh	3	3
73	Twelfth	5	6
74	Thirteenth	6	4 5
75	Fourteenth	5	5
76	Fifteenth	8	10 9
77	Sixteenth	4	6
78	Seventeenth	3	2
79	Eighteenth	2	2
80	Nineteenth	11	8
81	Twentieth	4	3
82	Twenty-first	1 2	2
83	Twenty-second	2	4
84	Twenty-third	4	5
85	Twenty-fourth	3	6
86	Twenty-fifth	4	5
87	Twenty-sixth	5	7
88	Twenty-seventh	5	5
89	Twenty-eighth	2 3	3
90	Twenty-ninth	2	3
91	Thirtieth	2	2 3
92	Thirty-first	5	5

93 The election or appointment of any district judge shall be subject to the provisions of § 16.1-69.9:3.

94 **§ 17.1-507. Maximum number of judges; residence requirement; compensation; powers; etc.**

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

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

99	First — 5
100	Second — 9 8
101	Third — 4
102	Fourth — 8
103	Fifth — 3 4
104	Sixth — 3
105	Seventh — 6 5
106	Eighth — 3
107	Ninth — 4
108	Tenth — 4
109	Eleventh — 3
110	Twelfth — 6
111	Thirteenth — 8 7
112	Fourteenth — 5
113	Fifteenth — 11
114	Sixteenth — 6
115	Seventeenth — 3 4
116	Eighteenth — 4 3
117	Nineteenth — 15
118	Twentieth — 5
119	Twenty-first — 2 3
120	Twenty-second — 5 4
121	Twenty-third — 5
122	Twenty-fourth — 5 6
123	Twenty-fifth — 5 6

124 Twenty-sixth — 8
125 Twenty-seventh — ~~7~~ 6
126 Twenty-eighth — 4
127 Twenty-ninth — 5
128 Thirtieth — 4
129 Thirty-first — 6

130 B. No additional circuit court judge shall be authorized or provided for any judicial circuit until the
131 Judicial Council has made a study of the need for such additional circuit court judge and has reported
132 its findings and recommendations to the Courts of Justice Committees of the House of Delegates and
133 Senate. The boundary of any judicial circuit shall not be changed until a study has been made by the
134 Judicial Council and a report of its findings and recommendations made to said Committees.

135 C. If the Judicial Council finds the need for an additional circuit court judge after a study is made
136 pursuant to subsection B, the study shall be made available to the Compensation Board and the Courts
137 of Justice Committees of the House of Delegates and Senate and Council shall publish notice of such
138 finding in a publication of general circulation among attorneys licensed to practice in the
139 Commonwealth. The Compensation Board shall make a study of the need to provide additional
140 courtroom security and deputy court clerk staffing. This study shall be reported to the Courts of Justice
141 Committees of the House of Delegates and the Senate, and to the Department of Planning and Budget.

142 **2. That the provisions of this act reducing the number of authorized judgeships in the Second**
143 **Judicial Circuit shall become effective upon the death, resignation, or retirement on or after**
144 **January 1, 2018, of any judge of that court.**