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HOUSE BILL NO. 2175

Offered January 23, 1995

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 16.1-69.6:1, as it is currently effective, and 17-119.1:2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to number of circuit court judges; number of district court judges.

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 16.1-69.6:1, as it is currently effective, and 17-119.1:2 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 16.1-69.6:1. 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 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.

Juvenile and Domestic

General District Court

Relations District

Judges

Court Judges

First

3

~~2~~ 3

Second

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Two-A

1

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Third

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Fourth

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Fifth

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Sixth

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Seventh

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Eighth

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Ninth

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57	Sixteenth	4	3
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59	Seventeenth	3	2
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61	Eighteenth	2	2
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63	Nineteenth	10	6
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65	Twentieth	3	2
66			
67	Twenty-first	2	2
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69	Twenty-second	2	3
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71	Twenty-third	5	4
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73	Twenty-fourth	4	4
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75	Twenty-fifth	5	3
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77 The general district court judges of the twenty-fifth district shall render assistance on a regular basis
 78 to the general district court judges of the twenty-sixth district by appropriate designation.

79	Twenty-sixth	4	3
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81	Twenty-seventh	4	3
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83	Twenty-eighth	2	2
84			
85	Twenty-ninth	3	2
86			
87	Thirtieth	2	2
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89	Thirty-first	4	4
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91 The election or appointment of any district judge shall be subject to the provisions of § 16.1-69.9:3.
 92 § 17-119.1:2. Number of judges; residence requirement; compensation; powers; etc.

93 A. For the several judicial circuits there shall be judges, the number as hereinafter set forth, who
 94 shall during their service reside within their respective circuits and whose compensation and powers
 95 shall be the same as now and hereafter prescribed for circuit judges. The judges in office when this shall
 96 take effect shall continue in office for the term for which elected or appointed.

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

98	First - 3
99	Second - 10
100	Third - 4
101	Fourth - 9
102	Fifth - 3
103	Sixth - 2
104	Seventh - 4
105	Eighth - 3 4
106	Ninth - 4
107	Tenth - 3
108	Eleventh - 3
109	Twelfth - 4
110	Thirteenth - 8
111	Fourteenth - 4
112	Fifteenth - 5
113	Sixteenth - 5
114	Seventeenth - 4

115 Eighteenth - 3
116 Nineteenth - 15
117 Twentieth - 3
118 Twenty-first - 2 3
119 Twenty-second - 3
120 Twenty-third - 6
121 Twenty-fourth - 5
122 Twenty-fifth - 4
123 Twenty-sixth - 5
124 Twenty-seventh - 4
125 Twenty-eighth - 2
126 Twenty-ninth - 3
127 Thirtieth - 3
128 Thirty-first - 5

129 B. On and after January 1, 1975, no additional circuit court judge shall be authorized or provided for
130 any judicial circuit until the Judicial Council has made a study of the need for such additional circuit
131 court judge and has reported its findings and recommendations to the Courts of Justice Committees of
132 the House of Delegates and Senate. In its study, the Judicial Council shall consider, and report its
133 findings regarding, the reduced case load that will occur if Family Court judgeships are authorized in
134 accordance with the provisions of Chapter 4.1, Article 2 (§ 16.1-69.6:1 et seq.) of Title 16.1. Nor shall
135 the boundary of any judicial circuit be changed until a study has been made by the Judicial Council and
136 a report of its findings and recommendations made to said Committees.

137 C. If the Judicial Council finds the need for an additional circuit court judge after a study is made
138 pursuant to subsection B, the study shall be made available to the State Compensation Board and the
139 Courts of Justice Committees of the House of Delegates and Senate. The State Compensation Board
140 shall make a study of the need to provide additional courtroom security and deputy court clerk staffing.
141 This study shall be reported to the Courts of Justice Committees of the House of Delegates and the
142 Senate, and to the Department of Planning and Budget.

143 **2. That the provisions of this act amending § 16.1-69.6:1 of the Code of Virginia shall expire on**
144 **July 1, 1996, if funds are provided pursuant to the provisions of the third enactment of Chapter**
145 **930 of the 1993 Acts of Assembly as amended by the second enactment of Chapter 564 of the 1994**
146 **Acts of Assembly .**