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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2175**

House Amendments in [ ] — February 6, 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.

[ The number of judges of the districts shall be as follows: ]

	Juvenile and Domestic	
	General District Court	Relations District
	Judges	Court Judges
First	3	2 3
Second	6	[ 5 6 ]
Two-A	1	1
Third	3	2
Fourth	6	4
Fifth	2 3	2
Sixth	3	2
Seventh	3	3
Eighth	3	2
Ninth	3	2
Tenth	3	2
Eleventh	2	2
Twelfth	4	3
Thirteenth	8	4
Fourteenth	4	3
Fifteenth	5	4 5

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58	Sixteenth	4	3
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60	Seventeenth	3	2
61			
62	Eighteenth	2	2
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64	Nineteenth	10	[ 6 7 ]
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66	Twentieth	3	2
67			
68	Twenty-first	2	2
69			
70	Twenty-second	2	3
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72	Twenty-third	5	4
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74	Twenty-fourth	4	4
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76	Twenty-fifth	5	3
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78	The general district court judges of the twenty-fifth district shall render assistance on a regular basis		
79	to the general district court judges of the twenty-sixth district by appropriate designation.		
80	Twenty-sixth	4	3
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82	Twenty-seventh	4	3
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84	Twenty-eighth	2	2
85			
86	Twenty-ninth	3	2
87			
88	Thirtieth	2	2
89			
90	Thirty-first	4	4

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 92 The election or appointment of any district judge shall be subject to the provisions of § 16.1-69.9:3.  
 93 § 17-119.1:2. Number of judges; residence requirement; compensation; powers; etc.

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

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

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

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

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

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