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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 16.1-69.6:1 and 17.1-507 of the Code of Virginia, relating to number of circuit court and 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 and 17.1-507 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:

	General District Court Judges	Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judges
First	4	3
Second	7	7
Two-A	1	1
Third	3	3
Fourth	6	5
Fifth	3	2
Sixth	4	2
Seventh	4	4
Eighth	3	3
Ninth	3	3
Tenth	3	3
Eleventh	2	2
Twelfth	4	5
Thirteenth	8	5
Fourteenth	4	5
Fifteenth	6	7
Sixteenth	4	4
Seventeenth	4	2
Eighteenth	2	2
Nineteenth	11	8
Twentieth	4	3
Twenty-first	2	2
Twenty-second	2	3
Twenty-third	5	4
Twenty-fourth	4	5
Twenty-fifth	5	4
The general district court judges of the twenty-fifth district shall render		
assistance on a regular basis to the general district court judges of the		
twenty-sixth district by appropriate designation.		
Twenty-sixth	4	5
Twenty-seventh	5	4
Twenty-eighth	2	2
Twenty-ninth	3	2
Thirtieth	2	2

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

58 *The general district court judges of the first district shall render assistance on a regular basis to the*
59 *general district court judges of the second district by appropriate designation.*

60 *The general district court judges of the twelfth district shall render assistance on a regular basis to*
61 *the general district court judges of the eleventh district by appropriate designation.*

62 *The general district court judges of the thirteenth district shall render assistance on a regular basis*
63 *to the general district court judges of the fifteenth district by appropriate designation.*

64 *The general district court judges of the twenty-fifth district shall render assistance on a regular basis*
65 *to the general district court judges of the twenty-sixth district by appropriate designation.*

66 *The juvenile and domestic relations district court judges of the second district shall render assistance*
67 *on a regular basis to the juvenile and domestic relations district court judges of the first district by*
68 *appropriate designation.*

69 *The juvenile and domestic relations district court judges of the twelfth district shall render assistance*
70 *on a regular basis to the juvenile and domestic relations district court judges of the eleventh district by*
71 *appropriate designation.*

72 *The juvenile and domestic relations district court judges of the thirteenth district shall render*
73 *assistance on a regular basis to the juvenile and domestic relations district court judges of the fifteenth*
74 *district by appropriate designation.*

75 *The juvenile and domestic relations district court judges of the fourteenth district shall render*
76 *assistance on a regular basis to the juvenile and domestic relations district court judges of the sixteenth*
77 *district by appropriate designation.*

78 *The juvenile and domestic relations district court judges of the thirtieth district shall render*
79 *assistance on a regular basis to the juvenile and domestic relations district court judges of the*
80 *twenty-eighth district by appropriate designation.*

81 *The juvenile and domestic relations district court judges of the thirtieth district shall render*
82 *assistance on a regular basis to the juvenile and domestic relations district court judges of the*
83 *twenty-ninth district by appropriate designation.*

84 § 17.1-507. Number of judges; residence requirement; compensation; powers; etc.

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

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

89 First - 5

90 Second - 10

91 Third - 5

92 Fourth - 9

93 Fifth - 3

94 Sixth - 2

95 Seventh - 5

96 Eighth - 4

97 Ninth - 4

98 Tenth - 3

99 Eleventh - 3

100 Twelfth - 5

101 Thirteenth - 8

102 Fourteenth - 5

103 Fifteenth - 8

104 Sixteenth - 5

105 Seventeenth - 4

106 Eighteenth - 3

107 Nineteenth - 15

108 Twentieth - 4

109 Twenty-first - 3

110 Twenty-second - 4

111 Twenty-third - 6

112 Twenty-fourth - 5

113 Twenty-fifth - 4

114 Twenty-sixth - 5

115 Twenty-seventh - 5

116 Twenty-eighth - 3

117 Twenty-ninth - 4

118 Thirtieth - 3

119 Thirty-first - 5

120 *The circuit court judges of the eleventh circuit shall render assistance on a regular basis to the*
 121 *circuit court judges of the tenth district by appropriate designation.*

122 *The circuit court judges of the thirteenth circuit shall render assistance on a regular basis to the*
 123 *circuit court judges of the fourteenth district by appropriate designation.*

124 *The circuit court judges of the twentieth circuit shall render assistance on a regular basis to the*
 125 *circuit court judges of the twenty-sixth district by appropriate designation.*

126 *The circuit court judges of the twenty-third district shall render assistance on a regular basis to the*
 127 *circuit court judges of the twenty-seventh district by appropriate designation.*

128 *The circuit court judges of the twenty-eighth district shall render assistance on a regular basis to the*
 129 *circuit court judges of the thirtieth district by appropriate designation.*

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.