

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 17.1-507 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the maximum number of*
3 *judges in each judicial circuit.*

4 [H 821]
5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That § 17.1-507 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 **§ 17.1-507. Maximum number of judges; residence requirement; compensation; powers; etc.**

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

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

- 13 First — 5
- 14 Second — 8
- 15 Third — 4
- 16 Fourth — 8
- 17 Fifth — 4
- 18 Sixth — 3
- 19 Seventh — 5
- 20 Eighth — 3
- 21 Ninth — 4
- 22 Tenth — 4
- 23 Eleventh — 3
- 24 Twelfth — 6
- 25 Thirteenth — 7
- 26 Fourteenth — 5
- 27 Fifteenth — 11
- 28 Sixteenth — 6
- 29 Seventeenth — 4
- 30 Eighteenth — 3
- 31 Nineteenth — 15
- 32 Twentieth — 5
- 33 Twenty-first — 3
- 34 Twenty-second — 4
- 35 Twenty-third — 5
- 36 Twenty-fourth — 6
- 37 Twenty-fifth — 6
- 38 Twenty-sixth — 8
- 39 Twenty-seventh — 6
- 40 Twenty-eighth — 4
- 41 Twenty-ninth — 5
- 42 Thirtieth — 4
- 43 Thirty-first — 6 7

44 B. No additional circuit court judge shall be authorized or provided for any judicial circuit until the
45 Judicial Council has made a study of the need for such additional circuit court judge and has reported
46 its findings and recommendations to the House Committee for Courts of Justice and the Senate
47 Committee on the Judiciary. The boundary of any judicial circuit shall not be changed until a study has
48 been made by the Judicial Council and a report of its findings and recommendations made to said
49 Committees.

50 C. If the Judicial Council finds the need for an additional circuit court judge after a study is made
51 pursuant to subsection B, the study shall be made available to the Compensation Board and the House
52 Committee for Courts of Justice and the Senate Committee on the Judiciary and Council shall publish
53 notice of such finding in a publication of general circulation among attorneys licensed to practice in the
54 Commonwealth. The Compensation Board shall make a study of the need to provide additional
55 courtroom security and deputy court clerk staffing. This study shall be reported to the House Committee
56 for Courts of Justice and the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, and to the Department of Planning and

57 Budget.