

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Conforming Bill  
Relating to the Judicial Branch

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the judicial branch; amending s. 26.031, F.S.; revising the number of circuit court judges in certain judicial circuits; amending s. 34.022, F.S.; revising the number of county court judges in certain counties; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsections (1), (4), (5), (7), (9), (10), (12), (14), (15), (18), (19) and (20) of section 26.031, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

26.031 Judicial circuits; number of judges.—The number of circuit judges in each circuit shall be as follows:

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT TOTAL

|                      |           |               |
|----------------------|-----------|---------------|
| (1) First.....       | <u>27</u> | <del>26</del> |
| (5) Fifth.....       | <u>35</u> | <del>34</del> |
| (7) Seventh.....     | <u>30</u> | <del>29</del> |
| (18) Eighteenth..... | <u>27</u> | <del>26</del> |
| (19) Nineteenth..... | <u>21</u> | <del>20</del> |
| (20) Twentieth.....  | <u>40</u> | <del>32</del> |

Section 2. Subsections (3), (10), (15), (26), (28), (34), (35), (40), (41), (43), (45), (48), (49), (50), (53), (60) and (66) of section 34.022, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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34.022 Number of county court judges for each county.—The  
number of county court judges in each county shall be as  
follows:

COUNTY

|                        |           |               |
|------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| (15) Duval.....        | <u>20</u> | <del>17</del> |
| (27) Highlands.....    | <u>2</u>  | <del>1</del>  |
| (28) Hillsborough..... | <u>26</u> | <del>25</del> |
| (35) Lee.....          | <u>10</u> | <del>9</del>  |
| (43) Miami-Dade.....   | <u>50</u> | <del>47</del> |
| (48) Orange.....       | <u>24</u> | <del>22</del> |
| (66) Walton.....       | <u>2</u>  | <del>1</del>  |

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law.