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2 An act relating to courts; creating s. 25.025, F.S.;
3 authorizing certain Supreme Court justices to have an
4 appropriate facility in their district of residence
5 designated as their official headquarters; providing
6 that an official headquarters may serve only as a
7 justice's private chambers; providing that such
8 justices are eligible for a certain subsistence
9 allowance and reimbursement for certain transportation
10 expenses; requiring that such allowance and
11 reimbursement be made to the extent that appropriated
12 funds are available, as determined by the Chief
13 Justice; requiring the Chief Justice to coordinate
14 with certain persons in designating official
15 headquarters; providing that a county is not required
16 to provide space for a justice in a county courthouse;
17 authorizing counties to enter into agreements with the
18 Supreme Court for the use of county courthouse space;
19 prohibiting the Supreme Court from using state funds
20 to lease space in specified facilities to allow a
21 justice to establish an official headquarters;
22 amending s. 26.031, F.S.; revising the number of
23 circuit judges in certain judicial circuits; amending
24 s. 34.022, F.S.; revising the number of county court
25 judges in certain counties; providing an effective

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

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30 | Section 1. Section 25.025, Florida Statutes, is created to
31 | read:

32 | 25.025 Headquarters.—

33 | (1) (a) A Supreme Court justice who permanently resides
34 | outside Leon County shall, if he or she so requests, have a
35 | district court of appeal courthouse, a county courthouse, or
36 | another appropriate facility in his or her district of residence
37 | designated as his or her official headquarters pursuant to s.
38 | 112.061. This official headquarters may serve only as the
39 | justice's private chambers.

40 | (b) A justice for whom an official headquarters is
41 | designated in his or her district of residence under this
42 | subsection is eligible for subsistence at a rate to be
43 | established by the Chief Justice for each day or partial day
44 | that the justice is at the Supreme Court Building for the
45 | conduct of the business of the court. In addition to the
46 | subsistence allowance, a justice is eligible for reimbursement
47 | for transportation expenses as provided in s. 112.061(7) for
48 | travel between the justice's official headquarters and the
49 | Supreme Court Building for the conduct of the business of the
50 | court.

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51 (c) Payment of subsistence and reimbursement for
 52 transportation expenses relating to travel between a justice's
 53 official headquarters and the Supreme Court Building must be
 54 made to the extent that appropriated funds are available, as
 55 determined by the Chief Justice.

56 (2) The Chief Justice shall coordinate with each affected
 57 justice and other state and local officials as necessary to
 58 implement paragraph (1) (a).

59 (3) (a) This section does not require a county to provide
 60 space in a county courthouse for a justice. A county may enter
 61 into an agreement with the Supreme Court governing the use of
 62 space in a county courthouse.

63 (b) The Supreme Court may not use state funds to lease
 64 space in a district court of appeal courthouse, county
 65 courthouse, or other facility to allow a justice to establish an
 66 official headquarters pursuant to subsection (1).

67 Section 2. Subsections (9) and (12) of section 26.031,
 68 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

69 26.031 Judicial circuits; number of judges.—The number of
 70 circuit judges in each circuit shall be as follows:

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	TOTAL
73 (9) Ninth.....	<u>44</u> 43
74 (12) Twelfth.....	<u>22</u> 21

75 Section 3. Subsections (9) and (17) of section 34.022,

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76 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

77 34.022 Number of county court judges for each county.—The
78 number of county court judges in each county shall be as
79 follows:

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81 COUNTY	TOTAL
82 (9) Citrus.....	<u>2</u> ±
83 (17) Flagler.....	<u>2</u> ±

84 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.