

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 310
 2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
 3 (Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice
 4 on _____)

5 (Patrons Prior to Substitute--Delegates Hope, Green [HB 154], and Torian [HB 717])

6 A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 16.1-69.6:1 and 17.1-507 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the
 7 maximum number of judges in each judicial district and circuit.

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

9 **1. That §§ 16.1-69.6:1 and 17.1-507 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

10 **§ 16.1-69.6:1. Number of judges.**

11 For the several judicial districts there shall be full-time general district court judges and juvenile
 12 and domestic relations district court judges, the maximum number as hereinafter set forth, who shall
 13 during their service reside within their respective districts, except as provided in § 16.1-69.16, and whose
 14 compensation and powers shall be the same as now and hereafter prescribed for general district court
 15 judges and juvenile and domestic relations district court judges.

16 The maximum number of judges of the districts shall be as follows:

	General District	Juvenile and Domestic
	Court Judges	Relations District Court Judges
c First	4	4
d Second	7	6
e Two-A	2	1
f Third	2	3
g Fourth	6	5
h Fifth	3	2
i Sixth	5	3

j	Seventh	4	4
k	Eighth	3	3
l	Ninth	3	4
m	Tenth	3	3
n	Eleventh	3	3
o	Twelfth	5	6
p	Thirteenth	6	5
q	Fourteenth	5	5
r	Fifteenth	8	9
s	Sixteenth	4	6
t	Seventeenth	3	2
u	Eighteenth	2	2
v	Nineteenth	12	8
w	Twentieth	4	3 <u>4</u>
x	Twenty-first	2	2
y	Twenty-second	3	4
z	Twenty-third	4	5
aa	Twenty-fourth	3	6
ab	Twenty-fifth	4	5
ac	Twenty-sixth	5	7
ad	Twenty-seventh	5	5
ae	Twenty-eighth	3	3
af	Twenty-ninth	2	3
ag	Thirtieth	2	3
ah	Thirty-first	5	5 <u>6</u>

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

18 § 17.1-507. Maximum number of judges; residence requirement; compensation; powers; etc.

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

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

23 First — ~~5~~ 6

24 Second — 8

25 Third — 4

26 Fourth — 8

27 Fifth — 4

28 Sixth — 3

29 Seventh — 5

30 Eighth — 3

31 Ninth — ~~4~~ 5

32 Tenth — 4

33 Eleventh — 3

34 Twelfth — 6

35 Thirteenth — 7

36 Fourteenth — 5

37 Fifteenth — ~~11~~ 12

38 Sixteenth — 6

39 Seventeenth — 4

40 Eighteenth — 3

41 Nineteenth — 15

42 Twentieth — 5

43 Twenty-first — 3

44 Twenty-second — 4

45 Twenty-third — 5

46 Twenty-fourth — 6

47 Twenty-fifth — ~~6~~7

48 Twenty-sixth — 8

49 Twenty-seventh — 6

50 Twenty-eighth — 4

51 Twenty-ninth — 5

52 Thirtieth — 4

53 Thirty-first — 7

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

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

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