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SENATE BILL NO. 780

Offered January 22, 2026

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

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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 of the Code of Virginia is 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 maximum 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 maximum number of judges of the districts shall be as follows:

	General District Court Judges	Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judges
First	4	4
Second	7	7
Two-A	2	1
Third	2	3
Fourth	6	5
Fifth	3	2
Sixth	5	3
Seventh	4	4
Eighth	3	3
Ninth	4	4
Tenth	3	3
Eleventh	3	3
Twelfth	5	6
Thirteenth	6	5
Fourteenth	5	5
Fifteenth	8	9
Sixteenth	4	6
Seventeenth	3	2
Eighteenth	2	2
Nineteenth	12	8
Twentieth	4	4
Twenty-first	2	2
Twenty-second	3	4
Twenty-third	4	5
Twenty-fourth	3	6
Twenty-fifth	4	5
Twenty-sixth	5 6	7
Twenty-seventh	5	5
Twenty-eighth	3	3
Twenty-ninth	2	3
Thirtieth	2	3
Thirty-first	6	6

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

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