

Chapter 657

(Senate Bill 342)

AN ACT concerning

**Baltimore County – Circuit Court Judgeships**

FOR the purpose of increasing the number of resident judges of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County; and generally relating to judgeships in the circuit courts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 1–503  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

1–503.

(a) In each county in the first seven judicial circuits there shall be the number of resident judges of the circuit court set forth below, including the judge or judges provided for by the Constitution:

(1)	Allegany.....	2
(2)	Anne Arundel .....	13
(3)	Baltimore County.....	<b>[20] 21</b>
(4)	Calvert.....	3
(5)	Caroline .....	1
(6)	Carroll.....	4
(7)	Cecil .....	4
(8)	Charles .....	5
(9)	Dorchester .....	1
(10)	Frederick .....	6

(11) Garrett..... 1

(12) Harford ..... 6

(13) Howard ..... 5

(14) Kent ..... 1

(15) Montgomery ..... 24

(16) Prince George’s..... 24

(17) Queen Anne’s ..... 1

(18) St. Mary’s ..... 3

(19) Somerset..... 1

(20) Talbot..... 1

(21) Washington ..... 6

(22) Wicomico..... 4

(23) Worcester..... 3

(b) In Baltimore City there shall be 35 resident judges of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

**Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2023.**