

# SENATE BILL 688

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By: **Senator Smith (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George’s County – Judgeships – Circuit Courts**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the number of resident judges of the circuit courts by adding  
4 one additional judgeship in Prince George’s County; and generally relating to  
5 judgeships in the circuit courts.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
8 Section 1–503  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

14 1–503.

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

18	(1) Allegany.....	2
19	(2) Anne Arundel .....	13
20	(3) Baltimore County.....	21
21	(4) Calvert.....	3

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 (5) Caroline ..... 1

2 (6) Carroll..... 4

3 (7) Cecil ..... 4

4 (8) Charles ..... 5

5 (9) Dorchester ..... 1

6 (10) Frederick ..... 6

7 (11) Garrett..... 1

8 (12) Harford ..... 6

9 (13) Howard ..... 5

10 (14) Kent ..... 1

11 (15) Montgomery ..... 24

12 (16) Prince George’s..... [24] 25

13 (17) Queen Anne’s ..... 1

14 (18) St. Mary’s ..... 3

15 (19) Somerset..... 1

16 (20) Talbot..... 1

17 (21) Washington ..... 6

18 (22) Wicomico..... 4

19 (23) Worcester..... 3

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

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
 23 1, 2024.