

HOUSE BILL 864

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CF SB 620

By: **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)
and Delegates Crosby, M. Morgan, and T. Morgan**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2025

Assigned to: Judiciary

Committee Report: Favorable

House action: Adopted

Read second time: February 22, 2025

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary'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 St. Mary's County; and generally relating to judgeships
5 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 2024 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:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1	(2)	Anne Arundel	13
2	(3)	Baltimore County.....	21
3	(4)	Calvert	3
4	(5)	Caroline	1
5	(6)	Carroll.....	4
6	(7)	Cecil	4
7	(8)	Charles	5
8	(9)	Dorchester	1
9	(10)	Frederick	6
10	(11)	Garrett.....	1
11	(12)	Harford	6
12	(13)	Howard	5
13	(14)	Kent	1
14	(15)	Montgomery	24
15	(16)	Prince George's.....	25
16	(17)	Queen Anne's	1
17	(18)	St. Mary's	[3] 4
18	(19)	Somerset.....	1
19	(20)	Talbot.....	1
20	(21)	Washington	6
21	(22)	Wicomico.....	4
22	(23)	Worcester.....	3

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

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.