

# SENATE BILL 342

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By: **The President (By Request – Maryland Judiciary)**  
Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2023  
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County – Circuit Court Judgeships**

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

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
7 Section 1–503  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

13 1–503.

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

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|----|---------------------------|---------|
| 17 | (1) Allegany.....         | 2       |
| 18 | (2) Anne Arundel .....    | 13      |
| 19 | (3) Baltimore County..... | [20] 21 |
| 20 | (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 |
| 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, 2023.