

# Senate Finance General Government Sub-Committee



## Briefing on Judicial Vacancies

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# Judicial Vacancies

- The following information regarding judicial vacancies applies to the judicial circuits and districts as currently drawn. Additionally, the mandatory retirement projections are based on current law requiring judicial retirement at age 70.
- HB1990 and SB1240 propose new boundaries for judicial circuits/districts.
- HB1497, HB1890 and SB1066 propose raising the judicial retirement age to 73.

## Circuit Courts with a Judicial Vacancy – 2011

<u>Circuit/Localities</u>	<b>2010 Commenced Cases Per Judge</b>	<b>2011 Projected Commenced Cases Per Judge</b>	<b>2012 Projected Commenced Cases Per Judge</b>
<b>Thirtieth Circuit – 3 Judges</b> Lee, Scott, Wise	<b>4,116</b> (2 Judges)	<b>4,116</b> (2 Judges)	<b>4,116</b> (2 Judges)
<b>Tenth Circuit - 3 Judges</b> Appomattox, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Halifax, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Prince Edward	<b>2,170</b> (3 Judges)	<b>3,255</b> (2 Judges)	<b>3,255</b> (2 Judges)
<b>Twenty-seventh Circuit – 5 Judges</b> Bland, Carroll, Floyd, Giles, Grayson, Montgomery, Pulaski, Radford, Wythe	<b>3,120</b> (4 Judges)	<b>3,120</b> (4 Judges)	<b>3,120</b> (4 Judges)
<b>Twenty-sixth Circuit – 5 Judges</b> Clarke, Frederick, Harrisonburg, Page, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Warren, Winchester	<b>2,473</b> (5 Judges)	<b>3,091</b> (4 Judges)	<b>3,091</b> (4 Judges)
<b>Fifteenth Circuit - 8 Judges</b> Caroline, Essex, Fredericksburg, Hanover, King George, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond Co., Spotsylvania, Stafford, Westmoreland	<b>2,907</b> (7 Judges)	<b>2,907</b> (7 Judges)	<b>2,907</b> (7 Judges)

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<b>Fifth Circuit – 3 Judges</b> Isle of Wight, Southampton, Suffolk	<b>2,877</b> (2 Judges)	<b>2,877</b> (2 Judges)	<b>2,877</b> (2 Judges)
<b>Eleventh Circuit – 3 Judges</b> Amelia, Dinwiddie, Nottoway, Petersburg, Powhatan	<b>2,598</b> (2 Judges)	<b>2,598</b> (2 Judges)	<b>2,598</b> (2 Judges)
<b>Fourteenth Circuit – 5 Judges</b> Henrico	<b>2,068</b> (5 Judges)	<b>2,586</b> (4 Judges)	<b>3,447</b> (3 Judges)
<b>Ninth Circuit – 4 Judges</b> Charles City, Gloucester, James City County/Williamsburg, King and Queen, King William, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, York/Poquoson	<b>2,540</b> (3 Judges)	<b>2,540</b> (3 Judges)	<b>2,540</b> (3 Judges)
<b>Second Circuit - 10 Judges</b> Accomack, Northampton, Virginia Beach	<b>1,884</b> (9 Judges)	<b>2,119</b> (8 Judges)	<b>2,422</b> (7 Judges)

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<b>Twenty-fourth Circuit – 5 Judges</b> Amherst, Bedford, Campbell, Lynchburg, Nelson	<b>2,116</b> (4 Judges)	<b>2,116</b> (4 Judges)	<b>2,116</b> (4 Judges)
<b>Thirteenth Circuit – 8 Judges</b> Richmond City	<b>1,933</b> (7 Judges)	<b>1,933</b> (7 Judges)	<b>2,255</b> (6 Judges)
<b>Seventeenth Circuit – 4 Judges</b> Arlington	<b>1,126</b> (4 Judges)	<b>1,501</b> (3 Judges)	<b>1,501</b> (3 Judges)

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## Circuit Courts with a Judicial Vacancy – 2012

<u>Circuit/Localities</u>	<b>2010 Commenced Cases Per Judge</b>	<b>2011 Projected Commenced Cases Per Judge</b>	<b>2012 Projected Commenced Cases Per Judge</b>
<b>Sixth Circuit – 2 Judges</b> Brunswick, Greenville, Hopewell, Prince George, Surry, Sussex	<b>2,298</b> (2 Judges)	<b>2,298</b> (2 Judges)	<b>4,596</b> (1 Judge)
<b>Fourteenth Circuit – 5 Judges</b> Henrico	<b>2,068</b> (5 Judges)	<b>2,586</b> (4 Judges)	<b>3,447</b> (3 Judges)
<b>Eighteenth Circuit – 3 Judges</b> Alexandria	<b>2,071</b> (3 Judges)	<b>2,071</b> (3 Judges)	<b>3,107</b> (2 Judges)
<b>Second Circuit - 10 Judges</b> Accomack, Northampton, Virginia Beach	<b>1,884</b> (9 Judges)	<b>2,119</b> (8 Judges)	<b>2,422</b> (7 Judges)
<b>Thirteenth Circuit – 8 Judges</b> Richmond City	<b>1,933</b> (7 Judges)	<b>1,933</b> (7 Judges)	<b>2,255</b> (6 Judges)

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## General District Courts with a Judicial Vacancy – 2011

<u>District/Localities</u>	<b>2010 Commenced Cases Per Judge</b>	<b>2011 Projected Commenced Cases Per Judge</b>	<b>2012 Projected Commenced Cases Per Judge</b>
<b>Sixth District – 4 Judges</b> Brunswick, Emporia, Greenville, Hopewell, Prince George, Surry, Sussex	<b>41,509</b> (3 Judges)	<b>62,264</b> (2 Judges)	<b>62,264</b> (2 Judges)
<b>Twelfth District – 4 Judges</b> Chesterfield, Colonial Heights	<b>33,009</b> (4 Judges)	<b>44,012</b> (3 Judges)	<b>44,012</b> (3 Judges)
<b>Twentieth District – 4 Judges</b> Fauquier, Loudoun, Rappahannock	<b>36,167</b> (3 Judges)	<b>36,167</b> (3 Judges)	<b>36,167</b> (3 Judges)
<b>Nineteenth District – 11 Judges</b> Fairfax	<b>33,205</b> (10 Judges)	<b>33,205</b> (10 Judges)	<b>33,205</b> (10 Judges)
<b>Second District - 7 Judges</b> Virginia Beach	<b>32,482</b> (6 Judges)	<b>32,482</b> (6 Judges)	<b>38,979</b> (5 Judges)
<b>Twenty-seventh District – 5 Judges</b> Bland, Carroll, Floyd, Galax, Giles, Grayson, Montgomery, Pulaski, Radford, Wythe	<b>25,640</b> (5 Judges)	<b>32,050</b> (4 Judges)	<b>32,050</b> (4 Judges)

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<b>Seventeenth District – 4 Judges</b> Arlington, Falls Church	<b>19,630</b> (4 Judges)	<b>26,173</b> (3 Judges)	<b>26,173</b> (3 Judges)
<b>Twenty-fifth District – 4.7 Judges</b> Alleghany, Augusta, Bath, Botetourt, Buena Vista, Craig, Highland, Lexington/Rockbridge, Staunton, Waynesboro	<b>25,288</b> (3.70 Judges)	<b>25,288</b> (3.70 Judges)	<b>25,288</b> (3.70 Judges)
<b>Thirteenth District – 8 Judges</b> Richmond City	<b>25,143</b> (7 Judges)	<b>25,143</b> (7 Judges)	<b>25,143</b> (7 Judges)

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## General District Courts with a Judicial Vacancy – 2012

<u>District/Localities</u>	<b>2010 Commenced Cases Per Judge</b>	<b>2011 Projected Commenced Cases Per Judge</b>	<b>2012 Projected Commenced Cases Per Judge</b>
<b>Second District - 7 Judges</b> Virginia Beach	<b>32,482</b> (6 Judges)	<b>32,482</b> (6 Judges)	<b>38,979</b> (5 Judges)
<b>Fourth District – 6 Judges</b> Norfolk	<b>22,390</b> (6 Judges)	<b>22,390</b> (6 Judges)	<b>26,868</b> (5 Judges)

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# Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts with a Judicial Vacancy 2011

<u>District/Localities</u>	2010 Commenced Cases Per Judge	2011 Projected Cases Per Judge	2012 Projected Cases Per Judge
<b>Eleventh District – 2 Judges</b> Amelia, Dinwiddie, Nottoway, Petersburg, Powhatan	<b>9,889</b> (1 Judge)	<b>9,889</b> (1 Judge)	<b>9,889</b> (1 Judge)
<b>Twenty-seventh District – 4 Judges</b> Bland, Carroll, Floyd, Galax, Giles, Grayson, Montgomery, Pulaski, Radford, Wythe	<b>6,436</b> (3 Judges)	<b>6,436</b> (3 Judges)	<b>6,436</b> (3 Judges)
<b>Fifteenth District – 7 Judges</b> Caroline, Essex, Hanover, King George, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond County, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Westmoreland	<b>6,131</b> (6 Judges)	<b>6,131</b> (6 Judges)	<b>6,131</b> (6 Judges)
<b>Fourteenth District – 5 Judges</b> Henrico	<b>5,478</b> (4 Judges)	<b>5,478</b> (4 Judges)	<b>5,478</b> (4 Judges)

Note: 2009 Average Commenced Cases per Judge – 4,385