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The Honorable John S. Edwards
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The Honorable Janet D. Howell
Chair, Finance and Appropriations
Senate of Virginia
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The Honorable Charniele L. Herring
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The Honorable Luke E. Torian
Chair, Appropriations Committee
Virginia House of Delegates
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Dear Chairs Edwards, Howell, Herring, and Torian:

Virginia Code § 16.1-69.10 provides that the Committee on District Courts shall make a study and report to the General Assembly on the number of district court judges needed and the districts for which they shall be authorized. As you are aware, the number of judicial positions in the districts authorized in Va. Code § 16.1-69.6:1 was amended and became effective July 1, 2018. In addition, the General Assembly authorized one new general district court judgeship in the 19th Judicial District of Virginia, effective July 1, 2020.

The Committee on District Courts does not recommend the creation of new judgeships this year but encourages the filling of the current and announced vacancies set forth in the enclosed document. Current and announced vacancies for circuit court are also included.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of Karl R. Hade in black ink.

Karl R. Hade

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Enclosure

Current and Announced Judicial Vacancies

Circuit/District	Circuit		General District		J&DR District	
	Authorized*	Vacancies	Authorized*	Vacancies	Authorized*	Vacancies
	Judges		Judges		Judges	
1	5	-	4	-	4	-
2	8	1	7	-	6	1
2A			2	-	1	-
3	4	-	2	-	3	-
4	8	-	6	1	5	-
5	4	-	3	-	2	-
6	3	-	5	-	3	-
7	5	1	4	-	4	-
8	3	-	3	-	3	-
9	4	-	3	-	4	-
10	4	-	3	-	3	-
11	3	-	3	-	3	-
12	6	1	5	1	6	-
13	7	1	6	1	5	-
14	5	-	5	1	5	1
15	11	-	8	1	9	-
16	6	-	4	-	6	-
17	4	-	3	-	2	1
18	3	-	2	-	2	-
19	15	1	12	1	8	-
20	5	-	4	-	3	-
21	3	1	2	-	2	-
22	4	-	2	2	4	1
23	5	-	4	-	5	-
24	6	-	3	-	6	-
25	6	-	4	-	5	-
26	8	1	5	-	7	-
27	6	-	5	-	5	-
28	4	-	3	1	3	-
29	5	-	2	-	3	-
30	4	1	2	-	3	-
31	6	-	5	-	5	1
State	170	8	131	9	135	5

*"Authorized Judges" refers to the maximum number of judges stated in Virginia Code § 17.1-507 (circuit) and § 16.1-69.6:1 (district) as of July 1, 2021.

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