

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2022 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB821

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Torian

**3. Committee:** House Committee for Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Maximum number of judges in each judicial circuit

**5. Summary:** The proposed bill would increase the maximum number of authorized judges in the Thirty-first Judicial Circuit from six to seven. This bill is a recommendation of the Judicial Council of Virginia.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes. Item 44. The Governor's introduced budget includes \$289,731 to cover the cost of an additional judgeship in the Thirty-first Judicial Circuit.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary (see Item #8)

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), the first year cost for a new circuit court judgeship is \$289,731. The estimated annual cost for every subsequent year is \$286,431.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Circuit Court

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None