Mission Statement
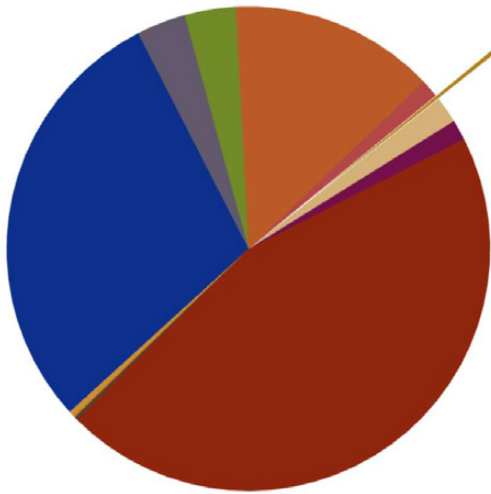
The 31st Judicial Circuit Court has general trial court jurisdiction, including acting as an appellate court for the General District and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts, and is a separate and distinct branch of government. (Article I, Section 5, Constitution of Virginia)

Expenditure Budget:
$1,120,753

0.3% of Public Safety

Programs:
- Circuit Court Judges Chambers: $1,120,753

Public Safety Expenditure Budget:
$397,723,340

Mandates

The Code of Virginia requires that every county shall have a courthouse with suitable space and facilities to accommodate the various courts and officials serving the county.

State Code: 15.2-1638 (County or city governing body to provide courthouse, clerk's office, jail and suitable facilities for attorney for the Commonwealth; acquisition of land)

Circuit Court Judges
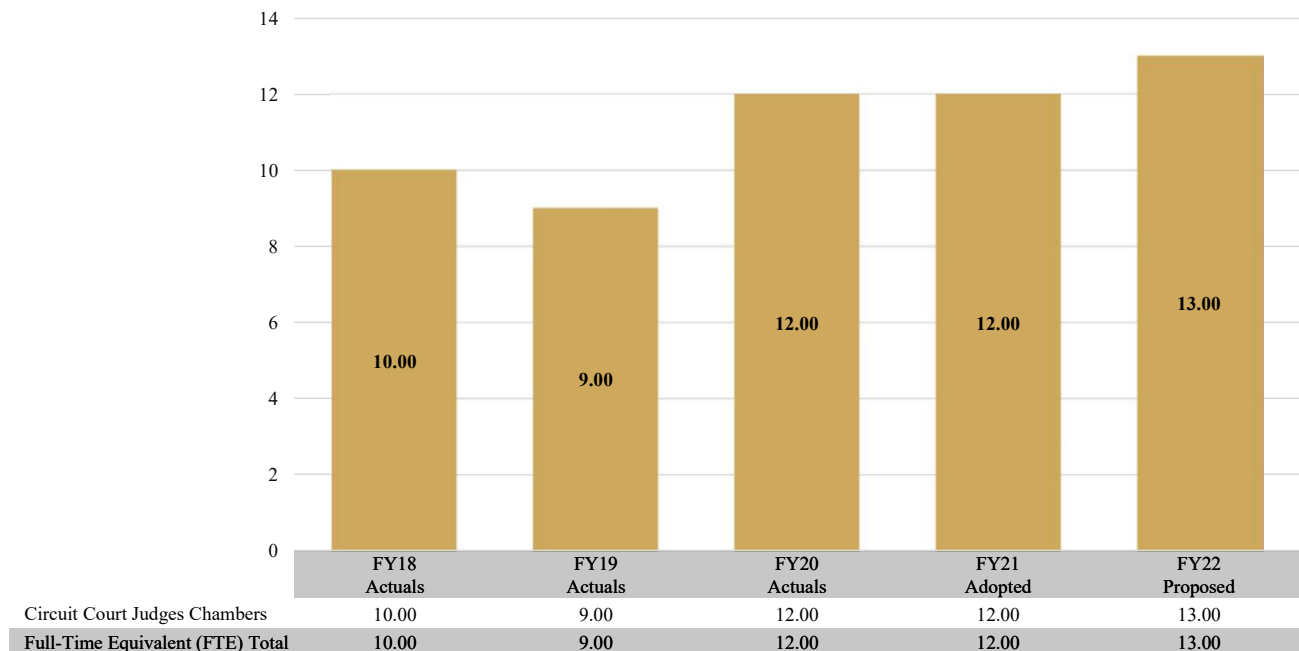
Expenditure and Revenue Summary

Expenditure by Program	FY18 Actuals	FY19 Actuals	FY20 Actuals	FY21 Adopted	FY22 Proposed	% Change Budget FY21/ Budget FY22
Circuit Court Judges Chambers	$726,132	$887,525	$1,063,329	$989,348	$1,120,753	13.28%
Total Expenditures	**$726,132**	**$887,525**	**$1,063,329**	**$989,348**	**$1,120,753**	**13.28%**

Expenditure by Classification						
Salaries & Benefits	$670,522	$814,404	$957,432	$917,423	$1,030,117	12.28%
Contractual Services	$2,818	$182	$12,895	$0	$1,140	-
Internal Services	$27,378	$27,378	$36,320	$33,588	$39,207	16.73%
Purchase of Goods & Services	$22,913	$42,770	$52,179	$33,845	$45,797	35.31%
Leases & Rentals	$2,501	$2,792	$4,503	$4,492	$4,492	0.00%
Total Expenditures	**$726,132**	**$887,525**	**$1,063,329**	**$989,348**	**$1,120,753**	**13.28%**
Total Designated Funding Sources	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**-**
Net General Tax Support	**$726,132**	**$887,525**	**$1,063,329**	**$989,348**	**$1,120,753**	**13.28%**
Net General Tax Support	**100.00%**	**100.00%**	**100.00%**	**100.00%**	**100.00%**	

Staff History by Program

	FY18 Actuals	FY19 Actuals	FY20 Actuals	FY21 Adopted	FY22 Proposed
Circuit Court Judges Chambers	10.00	9.00	12.00	12.00	13.00
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Total	**10.00**	**9.00**	**12.00**	**12.00**	**13.00**

Budget Initiatives

A. Budget Initiatives

1. **Administrative Specialist – Circuit Court Judges Chambers**

Expenditure	$87,629
Revenue	$0
General Fund Impact	$87,629
FTE Positions	1.00

a. **Description** – One administrative specialist position has been added to the Circuit Court Judges Proposed FY2022 Budget. This cost includes $77,037 in on-going funding and $10,592 in one-time costs associated with the position. The additional position will assist in managing the judge's calendars and provide administrative support with caseload management. Three additional administrative support positions are included in FY23 of the Proposed Five-Year Plan at a cost of $262,077.

b. **Service Level Impacts** – The position will provide administrative support for processing cases coming before the Circuit Court.

Program Summary

Circuit Court Judges Chambers

The Judicial Circuit Court has general trial court jurisdiction, as well as appellate for General District and Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court. It is a separate branch of government. Circuit Court in Virginia decides the most serious cases in each jurisdiction presiding over criminal, civil, concealed handgun permits (CHPs), miscellaneous, and other cases. The 31st Judicial Circuit currently has six full-time judges.

Key Measures	FY18 Actuals	FY19 Actuals	FY20 Actuals	FY21 Adopted	FY22 Proposed
Annual criminal disposition percentage	87.9%	82.1%	29.5%	83.1%	30.0%
Annual civil and CHPs disposition percentage	92.8%	92.5%	53.1%	92.0%	52.0%
Annual miscellaneous and other disposition percentage	51.4%	53.1%	17.3%	55.0%	18.0%
Total average annual disposition rate	82.7%	83.9%	94.4%	84.5%	85.0%
Annual clearance rates	86.3%	87.0%	94.0%	88.2%	85.0%

Starting with FY20 actuals data is now being pulled from state reports.

Program Activities & Workload Measures (Dollar amounts expressed in thousands)	FY18 Actuals	FY19 Actuals	FY20 Actuals	FY21 Adopted	FY22 Proposed
Court Case Docket Management and Administrative Support	$726	$888	$1,063	$989	$1,121
Cases per Circuit Court Judge	3,252	3,130	2,956	3,380	3,380
Cost per case concluded	$45	$45	$64	$45	$45