



**BILLE NA gCÚIRTEANNA AGUS NA nOIFIGEACH CÚIRTE
(LEASÚ) 2003
COURTS AND COURT OFFICERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2003**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Purpose of Bill

The main purpose of the Bill is to provide for an increase in the number of ordinary judges of the High Court.

Background

The maximum number of ordinary judges of the High Court is prescribed by law. Currently, the Courts and Court Officers Act 2002 provides that the number of ordinary judges of the High Court shall not be more than twenty six (26). The Courts and Court Officers (Amendment) Bill provides for this number to be increased by two (2) to twenty eight (28).

Financial implications

The salary of a High Court Judge is €172,409.

*An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí,
Meán Fómhair, 2003.*