



**BILLE NA gCÚIRTEANNA AGUS NA nOIFIGEACH CÚIRTE
(LEASÚ) 2007
COURTS AND COURT OFFICERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2007**

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, the Circuit Court and the District Court.

Background

The maximum number of ordinary judges of the High Court, the Circuit Court and the District Court is prescribed by law. Currently, the number of ordinary judges of the High Court shall not be more than 31, the number of ordinary judges of the Circuit Court shall not be more than 33 and the number of ordinary judges of the District Court shall not be more than 54. The Courts and Court Officers (Amendment) Bill 2007 provides for these numbers to be increased to 35, 37 and 60 respectively.

Financial implications

The salary of a judge of the High Court is €216,027.

The salary of a judge of the Circuit Court is €157,794.

The salary of a judge of the District Court is €131,494.

*An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí,
Feabhra, 2007.*