

April 15, 1999

H 1222. STATE JUDICIAL COUNCIL/FUNDS (=S 1024). *TO IMPROVE THE STATE COURT SYSTEM BY CREATING A STATE JUDICIAL COUNCIL AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL.* Identical to S 1024, introduced 4/15/99.

Intro. by Baddour.

Ref. to Judiciary IV

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May 26, 1999

H 1222. STATE JUDICIAL COUNCIL/FUNDS. Intro. 4/15/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Reduces State Judicial Council membership from 19 to 17, by adding one magistrate appointed by the NC Magistrates' Ass'n and by reducing from 6 to 3 the number of nonattorney members, one each appointed by the Governor, by the General Assembly on recommendation of the Speaker, and by the General Assembly on recommendation of the President Pro Tempore. Removes prohibition against member of General Assembly serving on Council. Deletes following duties given to Council in previous version: (1) reviewing whether vacant judgeship is still needed and, if not, whether it should be transferred to another district or be abolished; (2) studying the judicial system in light of recommendations by the Futures Comm'n; (3) if asked by the Governor, nonattorney member constituting a nominating panel for vacancies on the appellate courts; (4) monitoring caseloads in the appellate courts.

July 1, 1999

H 1222. STATE JUDICIAL COUNCIL. Intro. 4/15/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Prohibits incumbent members of the General Assembly from serving on the council, deletes appropriation, and directs Administrative Office of the Courts to fund council's operation with existing funds.