

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY **CONFERENCE REPORT**

House Bill 1398

H1398-CRST-207 [v.2]

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[YES] Title Change

[YES] For Committee Substitute

To:

The President of the Senate

The Speaker of the House of Representatives

The conferees appointed to resolve the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on House Bill 1398, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE SENIOR RESIDENT SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE FOR A DISTRICT; AND TO ALLOW A FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE TO PERFORM MARRIAGE CEREMONIES, Senate Judiciary I Committee Substitute Adopted 7/6/10, submit the following report:

The House and Senate agree to the following amendment to the Senate Committee Substitute, Senate Judiciary I Committee Substitute adopted 7/6/10, and the House concurs in the Senate Committee Substitute as amended:

Delete the entire Senate Committee Substitute and substitute the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute H1398-PCCS50975-ST-2.

The conferees recommend that the Senate and the House of Representatives adopt this report.

Date Conferees approved report: July

Conferees for the Senate

Conferees for the House of Representatives

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Message Received Ordered Enrolled

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Short Title:

HOUSE BILL 1398

Senate Judiciary I Committee Substitute Adopted 7/6/10 Proposed Conference Committee Substitute H1398-PCCS50975-ST-2

Determining Senior Resident Sup Ct Judge.

	Sponsors:			
	Referred to:			
	= 5	April 13, 2009		
1			A BILL TO BE ENTITLED	
2	AN ACT TO CHANGE THE METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE SENIOR RESIDENT			
3	SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE FOR A DISTRICT.			
4	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:			
5	SECTION 1. G.S. 7A-41.1(b) reads as rewritten:			
6	"(b)		shall be one and only one senior resident superior court judge for each district	
7	or set of districts as defined in subsection (a) of this section, who shall be:			
8	or set or			
9		(1)	Where there is only one regular resident superior court judge for the district,	
		(2)	that judge; and	
10		(2)	Where there are two or more regular resident superior court judges for the	
11			district or set of districts, the judge who, from among all the regular resident	
12			superior court judges of the district or set of districts, has the most	
13			continuous service as a regular resident superior court judge; provided if two	
14			or more judges are of equal seniority, the oldest of those judges shall be the	
15			senior regular resident superior court judge the Chief Justice of the Supreme	
16			Court shall designate one of the judges as senior resident superior court	
17			judge to serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the Chief Justice. In	
18			exercising the authority to appoint senior resident superior court judges	
19			pursuant to this subdivision, the Chief Judge shall consider the seniority,	
20			experience, and management competence of the regular resident superior	
21			court judges. In addition, the Chief Justice shall consult with the regular	
22			resident superior court judges, the chief district court judges, the members of	
23			the district bar, the clerks of court, district attorneys, and public defenders	
24			within the district."	
25		SECT	FION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2010, but each senior resident	



superior court judge seated on that date in a multi-judge district shall continue to serve as senior

resident superior court judge until that judge vacates the seat.

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