

## Roy Cooper, Governor State of North Carolina

## GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

Senate Bill 757, "AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE SUPERIOR COURT DISTRICTS, DISTRICT COURT DISTRICTS, AND PROSECUTORIAL DISTRICTS."

The legislative attempts to rig the courts by reducing the people's vote hurts justice. Piecemeal attempts to target judges create unnecessary confusion and show contempt for North Carolina's judiciary.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

Roy Cooper

Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018, at \_\_\_\_\_\_ for reconsideration by that body.

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- m. District 26H three judges.

**SECTION 3.** If Senate Bill 99, 2017 Regular Session, becomes law, The Director of the Budget shall increase the budget of the Administrative Office of the Courts from the unreserved fund balance in an amount sufficient to cover the costs of the judgeships created by this bill. These funds are hereby appropriated.

**SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2019, except as provided in this act, and elections in 2018 and thereafter shall be held accordingly.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

Philip E. Benger Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Roy Cooper Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_.m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2018

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