



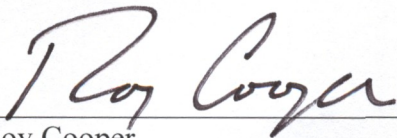
Roy Cooper, Governor  
*State of North Carolina*

GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

***House Bill 717, "AN ACT TO REVISE THE JUDICIAL DIVISIONS; TO MAKE CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF COUNTIES TO THE SUPERIOR COURT, DISTRICT COURT, AND PROSECUTORIAL DISTRICTS; TO CLARIFY LISTING OF JUDICIAL SEATS ON THE BALLOT; AND TO LIMIT ROTATION OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES TO SIX MONTHS PER YEAR."***

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.

  
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Roy Cooper  
Governor

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*James White*

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018, at 9:25pm for reconsideration by that body.

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**SECTION 7.** Subsection 18B.6 of S.L. 2018-5 reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 18B.6.** Effective January 1, 2019, ~~G.S. 7A-41(a1)~~ G.S. 7A-60(a1) reads as rewritten:

(a1) The counties of the State are organized into prosecutorial districts, and each district has the counties and the number of full-time assistant district attorneys set forth in the following table:

...."

**SECTION 8.** The Director of the Budget shall increase the budget of the Administrative Office of the Courts from the unreserved fund balance set forth in S.L. 2018-5 in an amount sufficient to cover the costs of the judgeships created by this bill. These funds are hereby appropriated.

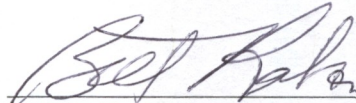
**SECTION 9.** If Senate Bill 757, 2018 Regular Session, becomes law, then Section 1(c) of that act reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 1.(c)** In order to implement the superior court districts as enacted by this section, in 2018 and every eight years thereafter, elections shall be conducted for Districts ~~5A, 5B, 26C, 26E, 26F, and 26H~~; in 2020 and every eight years thereafter, elections shall be conducted for District 26A; and in 2022 and every eight years thereafter, elections shall be conducted for Districts 26B, 26D, and 26G; and in 2024 and every eight years thereafter, elections shall be conducted for ~~District 5C~~. Districts 5A and 5C."

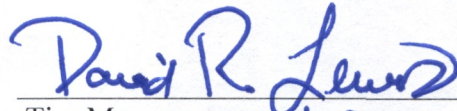
**SECTION 10.** If Senate Bill 757, 2018 Regular Session, becomes law, the assignment of judicial divisions in G.S. 7A-41(a), as enacted by that act, shall be repealed.

**SECTION 11.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

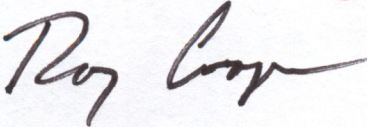


~~Philip E. Berger~~ Bill Rabon  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate  
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~~Tim Moore~~ David R. Lewis  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
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**VETO**



Roy Cooper  
Governor

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

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