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Short Title: Add'l Judges/Onslow, Jones, Duplin, Sampson. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Cleveland, Shepard, and Dixon (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SUPERIOR COURT AND DISTRICT COURT
3 JUDGES IN ONSLOW, JONES, DUPLIN, AND SAMPSON COUNTIES AND TO
4 APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

5 Whereas, the most recent available data of the judicial branch workload formula
6 developed by the Administrative Office of the Courts indicates that the superior court district
7 containing Onslow, Jones, Duplin, and Sampson counties needs one additional superior court
8 judgeship; and

9 Whereas, the same data indicates that the district court district containing the same
10 counties needs two additional district court judgeships; Now, therefore,
11 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

12 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-41(a) reads as rewritten:

13 "(a) The counties of the State are organized into judicial divisions and superior court
14 districts, and each superior court district has the counties, and the number of regular resident
15 superior court judges set forth in the following table, and for districts of less than a whole county,
16 as set out in subsection (b) of this section:

17	Judicial	Superior		No. of Resident
18	Division	Court	Counties	Judges
19		District		
20				
21	First	1	Camden, Chowan,	2
22			Currituck,	
23			Dare, Gates,	
24			Pasquotank,	
25			Perquimans	
26	First	2	Beaufort, Hyde,	1
27			Martin,	
28			Tyrrell, Washington	
29	First	3A	Pitt	2
30	Second	3B	Carteret, Craven,	3
31			Pamlico	
32	Second	4	Duplin, Jones,	2 3
33			Onslow, Sampson	
34	Second	5A	(part of New Hanover,	1
35			Pender	
36			see subsection (b))	5



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1		5B	(part of New Hanover,	1
2			see subsection (b))	
3		5C	(part of New Hanover,	1
4			see subsection (b))	
5	First	6A	Halifax	1
6	First	6B	Bertie, Hertford,	1
7			Northampton	
8	First	7A	Nash	1
9	First	7B	(part of Wilson,	1
10			part of Edgecombe,	
11			see subsection (b))	
12	First	7C	(part of Wilson,	1
13			part of Edgecombe,	
14			see subsection (b))	
15	Second	8A	Lenoir and Greene	1
16	Second	8B	Wayne	1
17	First	9	Franklin, Granville,	2
18			Person, Vance, Warren	
19	Third	10A	(part of Wake,	1
20			see subsection (b))	
21	Third	10B	(part of Wake,	1
22			see subsection (b))	
23	Third	10C	(part of Wake,	1
24			see subsection (b))	
25	Third	10D	(part of Wake,	1
26			see subsection (b))	
27	Third	10E	(part of Wake,	1
28			see subsection (b))	
29	Third	10F	(part of Wake,	1
30			see subsection (b))	
31	Third	11A	Harnett,	1
32			Lee	
33	Third	11B	Johnston	1
34	Third	12A	(part of Cumberland,	1
35			see subsection (b))	
36	Third	12B	(part of Cumberland,	1
37			see subsection (b))	
38	Third	12C	(part of Cumberland,	2
39			see subsection (b))	
40	Second	13A	Bladen, Columbus	1
41	Second	13B	Brunswick	1
42	First	14A	(part of Durham,	1
43			see subsection (b))	
44	First	14B	(part of Durham,	3
45			see subsection (b))	
46	Third	15A	Alamance	2
47	Fourth	15B	Orange, Chatham	2
48	Third	16A	Anson, Richmond,	2
49			Scotland	
50	Second	16B	Robeson	2
51	Fourth	17A	Caswell, Rockingham	2

1	Fourth	17B	Stokes, Surry	1
2	Fourth	18A	(part of Guilford,	1
3			see subsection (b))	
4	Fourth	18B	(part of Guilford,	1
5			see subsection (b))	
6	Fourth	18C	(part of Guilford,	1
7			see subsection (b))	
8	Fourth	18D	(part of Guilford,	1
9			see subsection (b))	
10	Fourth	18E	(part of Guilford,	1
11			see subsection (b))	
12	Fourth	19A	Cabarrus	1
13	Third	19B	Randolph	2
14	Fourth	19C	Rowan	1
15	Third	19D	Hoke, Moore	2
16	Third	20A	Montgomery, Stanly	2
17	Third	20B	Union	2
18	Fourth	21A	(part of Forsyth,	1
19			see subsection (b))	
20	Fourth	21B	(part of Forsyth,	1
21			see subsection (b))	
22	Fourth	21C	(part of Forsyth,	1
23			see subsection (b))	
24	Fourth	21D	(part of Forsyth,	1
25			see subsection (b))	
26	Fourth	22A	Alexander, Iredell	2
27	Fourth	22B	Davidson, Davie	2
28	Fourth	23	Alleghany, Ashe,	1
29			Wilkes, Yadkin	
30	Fifth	24	Avery, Madison,	2
31			Mitchell,	
32			Watauga, Yancey	
33	Fifth	25A	Burke, Caldwell	2
34	Fifth	25B	Catawba	2
35	Fifth	26A	(part of Mecklenburg,	1
36			see subsection (b))	
37	Fifth	26B	(part of Mecklenburg,	1
38			see subsection (b))	
39	Fifth	26C	(part of Mecklenburg,	1
40			see subsection (b))	
41		26D	(part of Mecklenburg,	1
42			see subsection (b))	
43		26E	(part of Mecklenburg,	1
44			see subsection (b))	
45		26F	(part of Mecklenburg,	1
46			see subsection (b))	
47		26G	(part of Mecklenburg,	1
48			see subsection (b))	
49		26H	(part of Mecklenburg,	1
50			see subsection (b))	
51	Fifth	27A	Gaston	2

1	Fifth	27B	Cleveland, Lincoln	2
2	Fifth	28	Buncombe	2
3	Fifth	29A	McDowell,	1
4			Rutherford	
5	Fifth	29B	Henderson, Polk,	1
6			Transylvania	
7	Fifth	30A	Cherokee, Clay,	1
8			Graham, Macon,	
9			Swain	
10	Fifth	30B	Haywood, Jackson	1."

SECTION 2. G.S. 7A-133(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Each district court district shall have the numbers of judges as set forth in the following table:

<u>District</u>	<u>Judges</u>	<u>County</u>
1	5	Camden
		Chowan
		Currituck
		Dare
		Gates
		Pasquotank
		Perquimans
2	4	Martin
		Beaufort
		Tyrrell
		Hyde
		Washington
3A	5	Pitt
3B	6	Craven
		Pamlico
		Carteret
4	<u>8</u> ¹⁰	Sampson
		Duplin
		Jones
		Onslow
5	9	New Hanover
		Pender
6	4	Northampton
		Bertie
		Hertford
		Halifax
7	7	Nash
		Edgecombe
		Wilson
8	6	Wayne
		Greene
		Lenoir
9	5	Granville
		(part of Vance
		see subsection
		(b))
		Franklin

1			Person
2	9B	2	Warren
3			(part of Vance
4			see subsection (b))
5	10A	3	(part of Wake
6			see subsection (b))
7	10B	3	(part of Wake
8			see subsection (b))
9	10C	3	(part of Wake
10			see subsection (b))
11	10D	6	(part of Wake
12			see subsection (b))
13	10E	3	(part of Wake
14			see subsection (b))
15	10F	3	(part of Wake
16			see subsection (b))
17	11	11	Harnett
18			Johnston
19			Lee
20	12	10	Cumberland
21	13	6	Bladen
22			Brunswick
23			Columbus
24	14	7	Durham
25	15A	4	Alamance
26	15B	5	Orange
27			Chatham
28	16A	4	Scotland
29			Anson
30			Richmond
31	16B	5	Robeson
32	17A	4	Caswell
33			Rockingham
34	17B	4	Stokes
35			Surry
36	18	14	Guilford
37	19A	5	Cabarrus
38	19B	5	Randolph
39	19C	5	Rowan
40	19D	4	Hoke, Moore
41	20A	3	Montgomery, Stanly
42	20B	1	(part of Union
43			see subsection
44			(b))
45	20C	2	(part of Union
46			see subsection
47			(b))
48	20D	1	Union
49	21	11	Forsyth
50	22A	5	Alexander
51			Iredell

1	22B	6	Davidson
2			Davie
3	23	4	Alleghany
4			Ashe
5			Wilkes
6			Yadkin
7	24	4	Avery
8			Madison
9			Mitchell
10			Watauga
11			Yancey
12	25	9	Burke
13			Caldwell
14			Catawba
15	26A	3	(part of
16			Mecklenburg
17			see subsection (b))
18	26B	3	(part of
19			Mecklenburg
20			see subsection (b))
21	26C	2	(part of
22			Mecklenburg
23			see subsection (b))
24	26D	2	(part of
25			Mecklenburg
26			see subsection (b))
27	26E	3	(part of
28			Mecklenburg
29			see subsection (b))
30	26F	3	(part of
31			Mecklenburg
32			see subsection (b))
33	26G	2	(part of
34			Mecklenburg
35			see subsection (b))
36	26H	3	(part of
37			Mecklenburg
38			see subsection (b))
39	27A	7	Gaston
40	27B	6	Cleveland
41			Lincoln
42	28	7	Buncombe
43	29A	3	McDowell
44			Rutherford
45	29B	4	Henderson
46			Polk
47			Transylvania
48	30	6	Cherokee
49			Clay
50			Graham
51			Haywood

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SECTION 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts the sum of three hundred thirty-eight thousand five hundred seventy-three dollars (\$338,573) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

SECTION 4. Sections 1 and 2 of this act become effective January 1, 2021, and elections conducted in 2020 shall be conducted in accordance with the judgeships created in those sections. Section 3 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2020. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.