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HOUSE BILL DRH40116-NDa-28

Short Title: Additional Judge in District 23. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Zachary.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ADD ONE DISTRICT COURT JUDGE TO DISTRICT 23 AND TO MANDATE  
3 THAT OF THE FIVE DISTRICT COURT JUDGE POSITIONS IN DISTRICT 23, ONE  
4 JUDGE SHALL RESIDE IN ASHE COUNTY, ONE IN YADKIN COUNTY, AND THREE  
5 IN WILKES COUNTY, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-133 reads as rewritten:

8 **"§ 7A-133. Numbers of judges by districts; numbers of magistrates and additional seats of**  
9 **court, by counties.**

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

<u>District</u>	<u>Judges</u>	<u>County</u>
13 1	5	Camden
14		Chowan
15		Currituck
16		Dare
17		Gates
18		Pasquotank
19		Perquimans
20 2	4	Martin
21		Beaufort
22		Tyrrell
23		Hyde
24		Washington
25 3A	5	Pitt
26 3B	6	Craven
27		Pamlico
28		Carteret
29 4	8	Sampson
30		Duplin
31		Jones
32		Onslow
33 5	9	New Hanover
34		Pender
35 6	4	Northampton
36		Bertie



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

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

1	27A	7	Gaston
2	27B	6	Cleveland
3			Lincoln
4	28	7	Buncombe
5	29A	3	McDowell
6			Rutherford
7	29B	4	Henderson
8			Polk
9			Transylvania
10	30	6	Cherokee
11			Clay
12			Graham
13			Haywood
14			Jackson
15			Macon
16			Swain.

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 18 (b8) The qualified voters of District Court District 23 shall elect all five judges established  
 19 for the District in subsection (a) of this section, but only persons who reside in Ashe County may  
 20 be candidates for one judgeship, only persons who reside in Yadkin County may be candidates  
 21 for one judgeship, and only persons who reside in Wilkes County may be candidates for three  
 22 judgeships."

23 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Administrative  
 24 Office of the Courts the sum of one hundred nine thousand two hundred twenty-three dollars  
 25 (\$109,223) in fiscal year 2020-2021 and one hundred ninety-eight thousand five hundred  
 26 eighty-eight dollars (\$198,588) in fiscal year 2021-2022.

27 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective January 1, 2021, and elections  
 28 conducted in 2020 shall be conducted in accordance with the judgeship created in Section 1. The  
 29 remainder of this act is effective July 1, 2020.