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HOUSE BILL 279

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

Sponsors: Representatives Zachary and Stevens (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Appropriations, Justice and Public Safety, if favorable, Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 7, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ADD ONE DISTRICT COURT JUDGE TO DISTRICT 23 AND TO MANDATE THAT OF THE FIVE DISTRICT COURT JUDGE POSITIONS IN DISTRICT 23, ONE JUDGE SHALL RESIDE IN ASHE COUNTY, ONE IN YADKIN COUNTY, AND THREE IN WILKES COUNTY, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

(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	8	Sampson Duplin Jones
5	9	Onslow New Hanover Pender



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

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

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

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

25 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Administrative
 26 Office of the Courts the sum of one hundred nine thousand two hundred twenty-three dollars
 27 (\$109,223) in fiscal year 2020-2021 and one hundred ninety-eight thousand five hundred
 28 eighty-eight dollars (\$198,588) in fiscal year 2021-2022.

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