

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2017

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HOUSE BILL 717  
Committee Substitute Favorable 6/26/17  
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H717-PCS40658-TY-35

Short Title: Judicial Redistricting & Investment Act.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 11, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REVISE JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 7A-41 is repealed.

**SECTION 1.(b)** Article 7 of Chapter 7A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 7A-40.5. Judicial divisions and superior court districts; number of judges.**

(a) The counties of the State are organized into judicial divisions as follows:

**Division 1:** Beaufort County, Bertie County, Camden County, Chowan County, Currituck County, Dare County, Durham County, Edgecombe County, Franklin County, Gates County, Granville County, Halifax County, Hertford County, Hyde County, Martin County, Nash County, Northampton County, Pasquotank County, Perquimans County, Person County, Pitt County, Tyrrell County, Vance County, Warren County, Washington County, Wilson County.

**Division 2:** Bladen County, Brunswick County, Carteret County, Columbus County, Craven County, Duplin County, Greene County, Jones County, Lenoir County, New Hanover County, Onslow County, Pamlico County, Pender County, Robeson County, Sampson County, Scotland County, Wayne County.

**Division 3:** Anson County, Chatham County, Cumberland County, Harnett County, Hoke County, Johnston County, Lee County, Montgomery County, Moore County, Randolph County, Richmond County, Stanly County, Union County, Wake County.

**Division 4:** Alamance County, Alexander County, Alleghany County, Ashe County, Cabarrus County, Caswell County, Davidson County, Davie County, Forsyth County, Guilford County, Iredell County, Orange County, Rockingham County, Rowan County, Stokes County, Surry County, Wilkes County, Yadkin County.

**Division 5:** Avery County, Buncombe County, Burke County, Caldwell County, Catawba County, Cherokee County, Clay County, Cleveland County, Gaston County, Graham County, Haywood County, Henderson County, Jackson County, Lincoln County, Macon County, Madison County, McDowell County, Mecklenburg County, Mitchell County, Polk County, Rutherford County, Swain County, Transylvania County, Watauga County, Yancey County.

(b) For superior court, the composition of the district and the number of judges is as follows:

**District 1:** Camden County, Chowan County, Currituck County, Dare County, Gates County, Pasquotank County, Perquimans County.



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- 1 District 2: Beaufort County, Hyde County, Martin County, Tyrrell County, Washington  
2 County.
- 3 District 3: Carteret County, Craven County, Pamlico County.
- 4 District 4: Duplin County, Jones County, Onslow County, Sampson County.
- 5 District 5: Greene County, Lenoir County, Wayne County.
- 6 District 6: Pitt County.
- 7 District 7: Edgecombe County, Nash County, Wilson County.
- 8 District 8: Bertie County, Halifax County, Hertford County, Northampton County, Warren  
9 County.
- 10 District 9: Franklin County, Granville County, Person County, Vance County.
- 11 District 10A: Wake County: VTD 01-01, VTD 01-02, VTD 01-06, VTD 01-07, VTD 01-14,  
12 VTD 01-16, VTD 01-23, VTD 01-29, VTD 01-31, VTD 01-32, VTD 01-33, VTD 01-41,  
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16 VTD 18-06, VTD 18-08.
- 17 District 10B: Wake County: VTD 01-12, VTD 01-13, VTD 01-18, VTD 01-19, VTD 01-20,  
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- 42 District 10C: Wake County: VTD 02-01, VTD 02-02, VTD 02-03, VTD 02-04, VTD 02-05,  
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- 48 District 10D: Wake County: VTD 01-03, VTD 01-04, VTD 01-05, VTD 01-09, VTD 01-10,  
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17 VTD 20-12.  
18 **District 11:** Harnett County, Johnston County, Lee County.  
19 **District 12A:** New Hanover County: VTD CF01, VTD CF02, VTD CF03, VTD H01, VTD  
20 W25, VTD W27; Pender County.  
21 **District 12B:** New Hanover County: VTD H02, VTD H03, VTD H04, VTD H05, VTD H06,  
22 VTD H07, VTD H08, VTD H09, VTD M02, VTD M05, VTD W13, VTD W18, VTD W24,  
23 VTD W28, VTD WB.  
24 **District 12C:** New Hanover County: VTD FP01, VTD FP02, VTD FP03, VTD FP04, VTD  
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27 **District 13:** Bladen County, Brunswick County, Columbus County.  
28 **District 14:** Robeson County, Scotland County.  
29 **District 15A:** Cumberland County: VTD AH49, VTD CC01, VTD CC03, VTD CC04, VTD  
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36 LI65, VTD SH77.  
37 **District 16:** Hoke County, Moore County.  
38 **District 18A:** Durham County: VTD 01, VTD 02, VTD 04, VTD 19, VTD 20, VTD 21, VTD  
39 22, VTD 23, VTD 24, VTD 25, VTD 26, VTD 28, VTD 29, VTD 37, VTD 44, VTD 45,  
40 VTD 46, VTD 50.  
41 **District 18B:** Durham County: VTD 03, VTD 05, VTD 06, VTD 07, VTD 08, VTD 09, VTD  
42 10, VTD 12, VTD 13, VTD 14, VTD 15, VTD 17, VTD 18, VTD 30-1, VTD 30-2, VTD 31,  
43 VTD 32, VTD 40, VTD 42, VTD 47, VTD 52, VTD 55.  
44 **District 18C:** Durham County: VTD 16, VTD 27, VTD 33, VTD 34, VTD 35, VTD 36, VTD  
45 38, VTD 39, VTD 41, VTD 43, VTD 48, VTD 51, VTD 53-1, VTD 53-2, VTD 54.  
46 **District 19:** Orange County.  
47 **District 20:** Alamance County.  
48 **District 21:** Caswell County, Rockingham County.  
49 **District 22A:** Guilford County: VTD FR1, VTD FR2, VTD G43, VTD G64, VTD G65, VTD  
50 G66, VTD H01, VTD H02, VTD H03, VTD H04, VTD H05, VTD H06, VTD H07, VTD

H08, VTD H09, VTD H10, VTD H11, VTD H12, VTD H13, VTD H14, VTD H16, VTD H17, VTD H18, VTD H19A, VTD H19B, VTD H20A, VTD H20B, VTD H26, VTD HP.

**District 22B:** Guilford County: VTD G01, VTD G02, VTD G03, VTD G04, VTD G05, VTD G06, VTD G07, VTD G08, VTD G09, VTD G10, VTD G11, VTD G12, VTD G17, VTD G18, VTD G19, VTD G20, VTD G21, VTD G22, VTD G23, VTD G24, VTD G29, VTD G30, VTD G31, VTD G32, VTD G33, VTD G34, VTD G35, VTD G36, VTD G37, VTD G38, VTD G39, VTD G40A1, VTD G40B, VTD G41, VTD G42, VTD G67, VTD G68.

**District 22C:** Guilford County: VTD CG1, VTD CG2, VTD CG3A, VTD CG3B, VTD FR3, VTD FR4, VTD FR5, VTD G25, VTD G26, VTD G27, VTD G28, VTD G40A2, VTD H15, VTD H21, VTD H22, VTD H23, VTD H24, VTD H25, VTD H27, VTD NCGR1, VTD NCGR2, VTD NDRI, VTD OR1, VTD OR2, VTD SDRI, VTD SF1, VTD SF2, VTD SF3, VTD SF4, VTD STOK.

**District 22D:** Guilford County: VTD G13, VTD G14, VTD G15, VTD G16, VTD G44, VTD G45, VTD G46, VTD G47, VTD G48, VTD G49, VTD G50, VTD G51, VTD G52, VTD G53, VTD G54, VTD G55, VTD G56, VTD G57, VTD G58, VTD G59, VTD G60, VTD G61, VTD G62, VTD G63, VTD G69, VTD G70, VTD G71, VTD G72, VTD G73, VTD G74, VTD G75.

**District 22E:** Guilford County: VTD FEN1, VTD FEN2, VTD GIB, VTD GR, VTD JAM1, VTD JAM2, VTD JAM3, VTD JAM4, VTD JAM5, VTD JEF1, VTD JEF2, VTD JEF3, VTD JEF4, VTD MON1, VTD MON2, VTD MON3, VTD NCLAY1, VTD NCLAY2, VTD NMAD, VTD NWASH, VTD PG1, VTD PG2, VTD RC1, VTD RC2, VTD SCLAY, VTD SMAD, VTD SUM1, VTD SUM2, VTD SUM3, VTD SUM4, VTD SWASH.

**District 23:** Chatham County, Randolph County.

**District 24:** Anson County, Richmond County, Union County.

**District 25:** Cabarrus County.

**District 26A:** Mecklenburg County: VTD 001, VTD 002, VTD 003, VTD 004, VTD 005, VTD 006, VTD 007, VTD 009, VTD 010, VTD 011, VTD 012, VTD 013, VTD 014, VTD 015, VTD 016, VTD 017, VTD 020, VTD 021, VTD 022, VTD 023, VTD 024, VTD 025, VTD 026, VTD 027, VTD 028, VTD 029, VTD 030, VTD 031, VTD 033, VTD 034, VTD 035, VTD 036, VTD 037, VTD 038, VTD 039, VTD 040, VTD 041, VTD 042, VTD 043, VTD 044, VTD 045, VTD 046, VTD 050, VTD 052, VTD 053, VTD 054, VTD 055, VTD 056, VTD 058, VTD 059, VTD 060, VTD 061, VTD 062, VTD 063, VTD 064, VTD 065, VTD 066, VTD 068, VTD 077, VTD 078.1, VTD 079, VTD 080, VTD 081, VTD 082, VTD 083, VTD 084, VTD 085, VTD 089, VTD 094, VTD 095, VTD 096, VTD 097, VTD 098, VTD 099, VTD 102, VTD 104, VTD 105, VTD 106, VTD 107.1, VTD 108, VTD 109, VTD 115, VTD 116, VTD 117, VTD 120, VTD 123, VTD 124, VTD 125, VTD 126, VTD 128, VTD 130, VTD 132, VTD 135, VTD 138, VTD 141, VTD 145, VTD 146, VTD 147, VTD 149, VTD 150, VTD 151, VTD 201, VTD 203, VTD 204.1, VTD 205, VTD 210, VTD 211, VTD 212, VTD 213, VTD 214, VTD 222, VTD 228, VTD 234, VTD 235, VTD 237, VTD 238.1, VTD 239.

**District 26B:** Mecklenburg County: VTD 008, VTD 018, VTD 019, VTD 032, VTD 047, VTD 048, VTD 049, VTD 051, VTD 057, VTD 067, VTD 069, VTD 070, VTD 071, VTD 072, VTD 073, VTD 074, VTD 075, VTD 076, VTD 086, VTD 087, VTD 088, VTD 090, VTD 091, VTD 092, VTD 093, VTD 100, VTD 101, VTD 103, VTD 110, VTD 111, VTD 112, VTD 113, VTD 114, VTD 118, VTD 119, VTD 121, VTD 122, VTD 127, VTD 129, VTD 131, VTD 133, VTD 134, VTD 136, VTD 137, VTD 139.1, VTD 140, VTD 142, VTD 143, VTD 144, VTD 148, VTD 200, VTD 202, VTD 206, VTD 207, VTD 208, VTD 209, VTD 215, VTD 216, VTD 217, VTD 218, VTD 219, VTD 220, VTD 221, VTD 223.1, VTD 224, VTD 225, VTD 226, VTD 227, VTD 229, VTD 230, VTD 231, VTD 232, VTD 233, VTD 236, VTD 240, VTD 241, VTD 242, VTD 243.

**District 27:** Rowan County.

- 1 District 28: Montgomery County, Stanly County.
- 2 District 29: Davidson County, Davie County.
- 3 District 30A: Forsyth County: VTD 021, VTD 031, VTD 032, VTD 033, VTD 034, VTD 061,
- 4 VTD 062, VTD 064, VTD 066, VTD 068, VTD 081, VTD 083, VTD 092, VTD 101, VTD
- 5 111, VTD 112, VTD 132, VTD 207, VTD 801, VTD 809, VTD 903, VTD 904, VTD 905,
- 6 VTD 906, VTD 909.
- 7 District 30B: Forsyth County: VTD 051, VTD 055, VTD 071, VTD 072, VTD 073, VTD 074,
- 8 VTD 075, VTD 091, VTD 123, VTD 131, VTD 133, VTD 702, VTD 705, VTD 706, VTD
- 9 707, VTD 708, VTD 802, VTD 803, VTD 804, VTD 805, VTD 806, VTD 807, VTD 808,
- 10 VTD 907, VTD 908.
- 11 District 30C: Forsyth County: VTD 011, VTD 012, VTD 013, VTD 014, VTD 015, VTD 042,
- 12 VTD 043, VTD 052, VTD 053, VTD 054, VTD 063, VTD 065, VTD 067, VTD 122, VTD
- 13 505, VTD 507, VTD 607, VTD 701, VTD 703, VTD 704, VTD 709, VTD 901, VTD 902.
- 14 District 30D: Forsyth County: VTD 082, VTD 201, VTD 203, VTD 204, VTD 205, VTD 206,
- 15 VTD 301, VTD 302, VTD 303, VTD 304, VTD 305, VTD 306, VTD 401, VTD 402, VTD
- 16 403, VTD 404, VTD 405, VTD 501, VTD 502, VTD 503, VTD 504, VTD 506, VTD 601,
- 17 VTD 602, VTD 603, VTD 604, VTD 605, VTD 606.
- 18 District 31: Stokes County, Surry County.
- 19 District 32: Alexander County, Iredell County.
- 20 District 33: Gaston County.
- 21 District 34: Cleveland County, Lincoln County.
- 22 District 35: Burke County, Caldwell County, Catawba County.
- 23 District 36: Alleghany County, Ashe County, Wilkes County, Yadkin County.
- 24 District 37: Avery County, Madison County, Mitchell County, Watauga County, Yancey
- 25 County.
- 26 District 38: McDowell County, Rutherford County.
- 27 District 39A: Buncombe County: VTD 101.1, VTD 102.1, VTD 107.1, VTD 19.1, VTD 24.1,
- 28 VTD 30.1, VTD 37.1, VTD 38.2, VTD 38.3, VTD 39.1, VTD 41.1, VTD 44.1, VTD 45.1,
- 29 VTD 46.1, VTD 47.1, VTD 48.1, VTD 49.1, VTD 52.1, VTD 53.1, VTD 55.1, VTD 57.1,
- 30 VTD 58.1, VTD 63.1, VTD 67.1, VTD 68.1, VTD 69.1, VTD 70.1, VTD 71.1.
- 31 District 39B: Buncombe County: VTD 01.1, VTD 02.1, VTD 03.1, VTD 04.1, VTD 05.1,
- 32 VTD 06.1, VTD 07.1, VTD 09.1, VTD 10.1, VTD 100.1, VTD 103.1, VTD 104.1, VTD
- 33 105.1, VTD 106.1, VTD 11.1, VTD 12.1, VTD 13.1, VTD 14.2, VTD 15.1, VTD 17.1, VTD
- 34 20.1, VTD 25.1, VTD 26.1, VTD 28.1, VTD 31.1, VTD 32.1, VTD 33.2, VTD 33.3, VTD
- 35 34.1, VTD 35.1, VTD 36.1, VTD 50.1, VTD 59.1, VTD 60.2, VTD 61.1, VTD 62.1, VTD
- 36 64.1, VTD 65.1, VTD 66.1.
- 37 District 40: Henderson County, Polk County, Transylvania County.
- 38 District 41: Cherokee County, Clay County, Graham County, Haywood County, Jackson
- 39 County, Macon County, Swain County.

40 (c) Each district has the number of superior court judges as set forth in the following  
 41 table:

<u>Superior Court District</u>	<u>No. of Superior Court Judges</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>



1	<u>10A</u>	<u>1</u>
2	<u>10B</u>	<u>1</u>
3	<u>10C</u>	<u>1</u>
4	<u>10D</u>	<u>1</u>
5	<u>10E</u>	<u>1</u>
6	<u>10F</u>	<u>1</u>
7	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>
8	<u>12A</u>	<u>1</u>
9	<u>12B</u>	<u>1</u>
10	<u>12C</u>	<u>1</u>
11	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>
12	<u>14</u>	<u>2</u>
13	<u>15A</u>	<u>2</u>
14	<u>15B</u>	<u>2</u>
15	<u>16</u>	<u>2</u>
16	<u>18A</u>	<u>1</u>
17	<u>18B</u>	<u>1</u>
18	<u>18C</u>	<u>1</u>
19	<u>19</u>	<u>1</u>
20	<u>20</u>	<u>2</u>
21	<u>21</u>	<u>2</u>
22	<u>22A</u>	<u>1</u>
23	<u>22B</u>	<u>1</u>
24	<u>22C</u>	<u>1</u>
25	<u>22D</u>	<u>1</u>
26	<u>22E</u>	<u>1</u>
27	<u>23</u>	<u>2</u>
28	<u>24</u>	<u>3</u>
29	<u>25</u>	<u>2</u>
30	<u>26A</u>	<u>5</u>
31	<u>26B</u>	<u>3</u>
32	<u>27</u>	<u>1</u>
33	<u>28</u>	<u>2</u>
34	<u>29</u>	<u>2</u>
35	<u>30A</u>	<u>1</u>
36	<u>30B</u>	<u>1</u>
37	<u>30C</u>	<u>1</u>
38	<u>30D</u>	<u>1</u>
39	<u>31</u>	<u>2</u>
40	<u>32</u>	<u>2</u>
41	<u>33</u>	<u>3</u>
42	<u>34</u>	<u>3</u>
43	<u>35</u>	<u>4</u>
44	<u>36</u>	<u>1</u>
45	<u>37</u>	<u>2</u>
46	<u>38</u>	<u>1</u>
47	<u>39A</u>	<u>1</u>
48	<u>39B</u>	<u>1</u>
49	<u>40</u>	<u>1</u>
50	<u>41</u>	<u>2</u>

51 (d) For the superior court, the following shall apply:

- 1           (1)   The qualified voters of District 4 shall elect all judges established for District  
2           4 in subsection (b) of this section, but only persons who reside in Onslow  
3           County may be candidates for one of the judgeships and only persons who  
4           reside in Duplin, Jones, or Sampson County may be candidates for the  
5           remaining judgeship.
- 6           (2)   The qualified voters of District 5 shall elect all judges established for District  
7           5 in subsection (b) of this section, but only persons who reside in Wayne  
8           County may be candidates for one of the judgeships and only persons who  
9           reside in Greene or Lenoir County may be candidates for the remaining  
10          judgeship.
- 11          (3)   The qualified voters of District 11 shall elect all judges established for  
12          District 11 in subsection (b) of this section, but only persons who reside in  
13          Johnston County may be candidates for two of the judgeships and only  
14          persons who reside in Harnett or Lee County may be candidates for the  
15          remaining judgeship.
- 16          (4)   The qualified voters of District 13 shall elect all judges established for  
17          District 13 in subsection (b) of this section, but only persons who reside in  
18          Brunswick County may be candidates for one of the judgeships, only  
19          persons who reside in Bladen or Columbus County may be candidates for  
20          one of the judgeships, and only persons residing in Bladen, Brunswick, or  
21          Columbus County may be candidates for the remaining judgeship.
- 22          (5)   The qualified voters of District 35 shall elect all judges established for  
23          District 35 in subsection (b) of this section, but only persons who reside in  
24          Catawba County may be candidates for two of the judgeships and only  
25          persons who reside in Burke or Caldwell County may be candidates for the  
26          remaining judgeships.
- 27          (6)   The qualified voters of District 41 shall elect all judges established for  
28          District 41 in subsection (b) of this section, but only persons who reside in  
29          Haywood or Jackson County may be candidates for one of the judgeships  
30          and only persons who reside in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon, or Swain  
31          County may be candidates for the remaining judgeship.

32          (e)   In subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the names and boundaries of voting  
33          tabulation districts, tracts, block groups, and blocks specified in this section are as shown on the  
34          2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles. If any voting tabulation district boundary is  
35          changed, that change shall not alter the boundary of a judicial district, which shall remain the  
36          same as it is depicted by the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles.

37          (f)   The Legislative Services Officer shall certify a true copy of the block assignment  
38          file associated with any mapping software used to generate the language in subsections (a) and  
39          (b) of this section. The certified true copy of the block assignment file shall be delivered by the  
40          Legislative Services Officer to the Principal Clerk of the Senate and the Principal Clerk of the  
41          House of Representatives. If any area within North Carolina is not assigned to a specific district  
42          by subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the certified true copy of the block assignment file  
43          delivered to the Principal Clerk of the Senate and the Principal Clerk of the House of  
44          Representatives shall control.

45          (g)   In order to implement the division of the State into a number of judicial divisions  
46          and a convenient number of superior court districts without ending the term of office of any  
47          superior court judge elected by the people of this State on or before January 1, 2017, the  
48          following shall apply:

- 49           (1)   Judges in the following districts, as set out in this section, shall take office  
50           on January 1, 2019, with elections in 2018 to be held accordingly:  
51           a.    District 1 – two judges.

- 1            b.        District 2 – one judge.
- 2            c.        District 3 – two judges.
- 3            d.        District 7 – three judges.
- 4            e.        District 9 – two judges.
- 5            f.        District 12C – one judge.
- 6            g.        District 13 – one judge, Brunswick County.
- 7            h.        District 15A – two judges.
- 8            i.        District 15B – one judge.
- 9            j.        District 16 – one judge.
- 10           k.        District 18A – one judge.
- 11           l.        District 18B – one judge.
- 12           m.        District 20 – one judge.
- 13           n.        District 22A – one judge.
- 14           o.        District 22D – one judge.
- 15           p.        District 22E – one judge.
- 16           q.        District 23 – one judge.
- 17           r.        District 24 – one judge.
- 18           s.        District 25 – one judge.
- 19           t.        District 26A – one judge.
- 20           u.        District 26B – one judge.
- 21           v.        District 27 – one judge.
- 22           w.        District 28 – one judge.
- 23           x.        District 31 – one judge.
- 24           y.        District 34 – one judge.
- 25           z.        District 35 – one judge, Burke or Caldwell County.
- 26           aa.       District 35 – one judge, Catawba County.
- 27           bb.       District 37 – one judge.
- 28           cc.       District 39A – one judge.
- 29           dd.       District 39B – one judge.
- 30           ee.       District 41 – one judge, Haywood or Jackson County.
- 31           (2)       Judges in the following districts, as set out in this section, shall take office
- 32           on January 1, 2021, with elections in 2020 to be held accordingly:
- 33           a.        District 2 – one judge.
- 34           b.        District 4 – one judge, Duplin, Jones, or Sampson County.
- 35           c.        District 8 – two judges.
- 36           d.        District 9 – one judge.
- 37           e.        District 10B – one judge.
- 38           f.        District 10D – one judge.
- 39           g.        District 10E – one judge.
- 40           h.        District 11 – one judge, Harnett or Lee County.
- 41           i.        District 11 – one judge, Johnston County.
- 42           j.        District 13 – one judge.
- 43           k.        District 14 – one judge.
- 44           l.        District 15B – one judge.
- 45           m.        District 18C – one judge.
- 46           n.        District 22C – one judge.
- 47           o.        District 26A – two judges.
- 48           p.        District 30B – one judge.
- 49           q.        District 30D – one judge.
- 50           r.        District 32 – one judge.
- 51           s.        District 33 – two judges.

- 1                    t.        District 34 – one judge.  
2                    u.        District 38 – one judge.  
3                    (3) Judges in the following districts, as set out in this section, shall take office  
4                    on January 1, 2023, with elections in 2022 to be held accordingly:  
5                    a.        District 4 – one judge, Onslow County.  
6                    b.        District 6 – one judge.  
7                    c.        District 10A – one judge.  
8                    d.        District 11 – one judge, Johnston County.  
9                    e.        District 19 – one judge.  
10                  f.        District 20 – one judge.  
11                  g.        District 21 – two judges.  
12                  h.        District 22B – one judge.  
13                  i.        District 23 – one judge.  
14                  j.        District 25 – one judge.  
15                  k.        District 26A – two judges.  
16                  l.        District 26B – two judges.  
17                  m.        District 29 – one judge.  
18                  n.        District 30C – one judge.  
19                  o.        District 33 – one judge.  
20                  p.        District 35 – one judge, Burke or Caldwell County.  
21                  q.        District 35 – one judge, Catawba County.  
22                  r.        District 36 – one judge.  
23                  s.        District 40 – one judge.  
24                  t.        District 41 – one judge, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon, or Swain  
25                  County.  
26                  (4) Judges in the following districts, as set out in this section, shall take office  
27                  on January 1, 2025, with elections in 2024 to be held accordingly:  
28                  a.        District 3 – one judge.  
29                  b.        District 5 – two judges.  
30                  c.        District 6 – one judge.  
31                  d.        District 10C – one judge.  
32                  e.        District 10F – one judge.  
33                  f.        District 12A – one judge.  
34                  g.        District 12B – one judge.  
35                  h.        District 13 – one judge, Bladen or Columbus County.  
36                  i.        District 14 – one judge.  
37                  j.        District 16 – one judge.  
38                  k.        District 24 – two judges.  
39                  l.        District 28 – one judge.  
40                  m.        District 29 – one judge.  
41                  n.        District 30A – one judge.  
42                  o.        District 31 – one judge.  
43                  p.        District 32 – one judge.  
44                  q.        District 34 – one judge.  
45                  r.        District 37 – one judge.  
46                  (5) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, acting in accordance with rules of  
47                  the Supreme Court, may make assignments of any judge of the superior  
48                  court from one district to another for temporary duty that may extend for the  
49                  duration of an elected term beginning on or before January 1, 2017. In  
50                  making such assignments, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may

1 consider the districts, and the number of superior court judges per district, as  
2 set forth in this section.

3 (6) The principle of rotating superior court judges among the various districts of  
4 a division is a salutary one and shall be observed.

5 (7) In filling any vacancy in accordance with Article IV, Sec. 19 of the North  
6 Carolina Constitution, the vacancy shall be filled, and any election shall be  
7 conducted in accordance with the districts as set forth in this section. If a  
8 vacancy is created in a set of districts with an insufficient number of judges  
9 allocated to that set of districts to allow all elected judges, as of October 1,  
10 2017, to continue to serve out the elected term and fill the vacancy, the  
11 vacancy shall not be filled."

12 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 7A-133(a) is repealed.

13 **SECTION 2.(b)** G.S. 7A-133(b) is repealed.

14 **SECTION 2.(c)** G.S. 7A-133(b1) is repealed.

15 **SECTION 2.(d)** G.S. 7A-133(b2) is repealed.

16 **SECTION 2.(e)** G.S. 7A-133(b3) is repealed.

17 **SECTION 2.(f)** G.S. 7A-133(b4) is repealed.

18 **SECTION 2.(g)** The catch line of G.S. 7A-133 reads as rewritten:

19 **"§ 7A-133. Numbers of judges by districts; numbers of magistrates and additional seats**  
20 **of district court, by counties."**

21 **SECTION 2.(h)** Article 13 of Chapter 7A of the General Statutes is amended by  
22 adding a new section to read:

23 **"§ 7A-133.5. District court judges; numbers and districts.**

24 (a) For district court, the composition of the district and the number of judges is as  
25 follows:

26 **District 1:** Camden County, Chowan County, Currituck County, Dare County, Gates County,  
27 Pasquotank County, Perquimans County.

28 **District 2:** Beaufort County, Hyde County, Martin County, Tyrrell County, Washington  
29 County.

30 **District 3:** Carteret County, Craven County, Pamlico County.

31 **District 4:** Duplin County, Jones County, Onslow County, Sampson County.

32 **District 5:** Greene County, Lenoir County, Wayne County.

33 **District 6:** Pitt County.

34 **District 7:** Edgecombe County, Nash County, Wilson County.

35 **District 8:** Bertie County, Halifax County, Hertford County, Northampton County, Warren  
36 County.

37 **District 9:** Franklin County, Granville County, Person County, Vance County.

38 **District 10AE:** Wake County: VTD 01-01, VTD 01-02, VTD 01-06, VTD 01-07, VTD 01-14,  
39 VTD 01-16, VTD 01-23, VTD 01-28, VTD 01-29, VTD 01-31, VTD 01-32, VTD 01-33,  
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3 **District 10BD:** Wake County: VTD 01-03, VTD 01-04, VTD 01-05, VTD 01-09, VTD 01-10,  
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33 **District 10C:** Wake County: VTD 02-01, VTD 02-02, VTD 02-03, VTD 02-04, VTD 02-05,  
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38 VTD 19-12.

39 **District 10F:** Wake County: VTD 03-00, VTD 06-01, VTD 06-04, VTD 06-05, VTD 06-06,  
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42 VTD 20-01, VTD 20-03, VTD 20-05, VTD 20-06, VTD 20-08, VTD 20-09, VTD 20-11,  
43 VTD 20-12.

44 **District 11:** Harnett County, Johnston County, Lee County.

45 **District 12A:** New Hanover County: VTD CF01, VTD CF02, VTD CF03, VTD H01, VTD  
46 W25, VTD W27; Pender County.

47 **District 12B:** New Hanover County: VTD H02, VTD H03, VTD H04, VTD H05, VTD H06,  
48 VTD H07, VTD H08, VTD H09, VTD M02, VTD M05, VTD W13, VTD W18, VTD W24,  
49 VTD W28, VTD WB.

1 **District 12C:** New Hanover County: VTD FP01, VTD FP02, VTD FP03, VTD FP04, VTD  
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3 VTD W17, VTD W21, VTD W26, VTD W29, VTD W30, VTD W31.

4 **District 13:** Bladen County, Brunswick County, Columbus County.

5 **District 14:** Robeson County, Scotland County.

6 **District 15A:** Cumberland County: VTD AH49, VTD CC01, VTD CC03, VTD CC04, VTD  
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12 0510015002039, 0510015002040; VTD G4, VTD G6, VTD G7, VTD G8, VTD G9, VTD  
13 LI65, VTD SH77.  
14 **District 16:** Hoke County, Moore County.  
15 **District 18A:** Durham County: VTD 01, VTD 02, VTD 04, VTD 19, VTD 20, VTD 21, VTD  
16 22, VTD 23, VTD 24, VTD 25, VTD 26, VTD 28, VTD 29, VTD 37, VTD 44, VTD 45,  
17 VTD 46, VTD 50.  
18 **District 18B:** Durham County: VTD 03, VTD 05, VTD 06, VTD 07, VTD 08, VTD 09, VTD  
19 10, VTD 12, VTD 13, VTD 14, VTD 15, VTD 17, VTD 18, VTD 30-1, VTD 30-2, VTD 31,  
20 VTD 32, VTD 40, VTD 42, VTD 47, VTD 52, VTD 55.  
21 **District 18C:** Durham County: VTD 16, VTD 27, VTD 33, VTD 34, VTD 35, VTD 36, VTD  
22 38, VTD 39, VTD 41, VTD 43, VTD 48, VTD 51, VTD 53-1, VTD 53-2, VTD 54.  
23 **District 19:** Orange County.  
24 **District 20:** Alamance County.  
25 **District 21:** Caswell County, Rockingham County.  
26 **District 22A:** Guilford County: VTD FR1, VTD FR2, VTD G43, VTD G64, VTD G65, VTD  
27 G66, VTD H01, VTD H02, VTD H03, VTD H04, VTD H05, VTD H06, VTD H07, VTD  
28 H08, VTD H09, VTD H10, VTD H11, VTD H12, VTD H13, VTD H14, VTD H16, VTD  
29 H17, VTD H18, VTD H19A, VTD H19B, VTD H20A, VTD H20B, VTD H26, VTD HP.  
30 **District 22B:** Guilford County: VTD G01, VTD G02, VTD G03, VTD G04, VTD G05, VTD  
31 G06, VTD G07, VTD G08, VTD G09, VTD G10, VTD G11, VTD G12, VTD G17, VTD  
32 G18, VTD G19, VTD G20, VTD G21, VTD G22, VTD G23, VTD G24, VTD G29, VTD  
33 G30, VTD G31, VTD G32, VTD G33, VTD G34, VTD G35, VTD G36, VTD G37, VTD  
34 G38, VTD G39, VTD G40A1, VTD G40B, VTD G41, VTD G42, VTD G67, VTD G68.  
35 **District 22C:** Guilford County: VTD CG1, VTD CG2, VTD CG3A, VTD CG3B, VTD FR3,  
36 VTD FR4, VTD FR5, VTD G25, VTD G26, VTD G27, VTD G28, VTD G40A2, VTD H15,  
37 VTD H21, VTD H22, VTD H23, VTD H24, VTD H25, VTD H27, VTD NCGR1, VTD  
38 NCGR2, VTD NDRI, VTD OR1, VTD OR2, VTD SDRI, VTD SF1, VTD SF2, VTD SF3,  
39 VTD SF4, VTD STOK.  
40 **District 22D:** Guilford County: VTD G13, VTD G14, VTD G15, VTD G16, VTD G44, VTD  
41 G45, VTD G46, VTD G47, VTD G48, VTD G49, VTD G50, VTD G51, VTD G52, VTD  
42 G53, VTD G54, VTD G55, VTD G56, VTD G57, VTD G58, VTD G59, VTD G60, VTD  
43 G61, VTD G62, VTD G63, VTD G69, VTD G70, VTD G71, VTD G72, VTD G73, VTD  
44 G74, VTD G75.  
45 **District 22E:** Guilford County: VTD FEN1, VTD FEN2, VTD GIB, VTD GR, VTD JAM1,  
46 VTD JAM2, VTD JAM3, VTD JAM4, VTD JAM5, VTD JEF1, VTD JEF2, VTD JEF3,  
47 VTD JEF4, VTD MON1, VTD MON2, VTD MON3, VTD NCLAY1, VTD NCLAY2,  
48 VTD NMAD, VTD NWASH, VTD PG1, VTD PG2, VTD RC1, VTD RC2, VTD SCLAY,  
49 VTD SMAD, VTD SUM1, VTD SUM2, VTD SUM3, VTD SUM4, VTD SWASH.  
50 **District 23:** Chatham County, Randolph County.  
51 **District 24:** Anson County, Richmond County, Union County.

1 **District 25: Cabarrus County.**

2 **District 26A: Mecklenburg County: VTD 001, VTD 002, VTD 003, VTD 004, VTD 005,**  
3 **VTD 006, VTD 007, VTD 009, VTD 010, VTD 011, VTD 012, VTD 013, VTD 014, VTD**  
4 **015, VTD 016, VTD 017, VTD 020, VTD 021, VTD 022, VTD 023, VTD 024, VTD 025,**  
5 **VTD 026, VTD 027, VTD 028, VTD 029, VTD 030, VTD 031, VTD 033, VTD 034, VTD**  
6 **035, VTD 036, VTD 037, VTD 038, VTD 039, VTD 040, VTD 041, VTD 042, VTD 043,**  
7 **VTD 044, VTD 045, VTD 046, VTD 050, VTD 052, VTD 053, VTD 054, VTD 055, VTD**  
8 **056, VTD 058, VTD 059, VTD 060, VTD 061, VTD 062, VTD 063, VTD 064, VTD 065,**  
9 **VTD 066, VTD 068, VTD 077, VTD 078.1, VTD 079, VTD 080, VTD 081, VTD 082,**  
10 **VTD 083, VTD 084, VTD 085, VTD 089, VTD 094, VTD 095, VTD 096, VTD 097, VTD**  
11 **098, VTD 099, VTD 102, VTD 104, VTD 105, VTD 106, VTD 107.1, VTD 108, VTD 109,**  
12 **VTD 115, VTD 116, VTD 117, VTD 120, VTD 123, VTD 124, VTD 125, VTD 126, VTD**  
13 **128, VTD 130, VTD 132, VTD 135, VTD 138, VTD 141, VTD 145, VTD 146, VTD 147,**  
14 **VTD 149, VTD 150, VTD 151, VTD 201, VTD 203, VTD 204.1, VTD 205, VTD 210,**  
15 **VTD 211, VTD 212, VTD 213, VTD 214, VTD 222, VTD 228, VTD 234, VTD 235, VTD**  
16 **237, VTD 238.1, VTD 239.**

17 **District 26B: Mecklenburg County: VTD 008, VTD 018, VTD 019, VTD 032, VTD 047, VTD**  
18 **048, VTD 049, VTD 051, VTD 057, VTD 067, VTD 069, VTD 070, VTD 071, VTD 072,**  
19 **VTD 073, VTD 074, VTD 075, VTD 076, VTD 086, VTD 087, VTD 088, VTD 090, VTD**  
20 **091, VTD 092, VTD 093, VTD 100, VTD 101, VTD 103, VTD 110, VTD 111, VTD 112,**  
21 **VTD 113, VTD 114, VTD 118, VTD 119, VTD 121, VTD 122, VTD 127, VTD 129, VTD**  
22 **131, VTD 133, VTD 134, VTD 136, VTD 137, VTD 139.1, VTD 140, VTD 142, VTD 143,**  
23 **VTD 144, VTD 148, VTD 200, VTD 202, VTD 206, VTD 207, VTD 208, VTD 209, VTD**  
24 **215, VTD 216, VTD 217, VTD 218, VTD 219, VTD 220, VTD 221, VTD 223.1, VTD 224,**  
25 **VTD 225, VTD 226, VTD 227, VTD 229, VTD 230, VTD 231, VTD 232, VTD 233, VTD**  
26 **236, VTD 240, VTD 241, VTD 242, VTD 243.**

27 **District 27: Rowan County.**

28 **District 28: Montgomery County, Stanly County.**

29 **District 29: Davidson County, Davie County.**

30 **District 30A: Forsyth County: VTD 021, VTD 031, VTD 032, VTD 033, VTD 034, VTD 061,**  
31 **VTD 062, VTD 064, VTD 066, VTD 068, VTD 081, VTD 083, VTD 092, VTD 101, VTD**  
32 **111, VTD 112, VTD 132, VTD 207, VTD 801, VTD 809, VTD 903, VTD 904, VTD 905,**  
33 **VTD 906, VTD 909.**

34 **District 30B: Forsyth County: VTD 051, VTD 055, VTD 071, VTD 072, VTD 073, VTD 074,**  
35 **VTD 075, VTD 091, VTD 123, VTD 131, VTD 133, VTD 702, VTD 705, VTD 706, VTD**  
36 **707, VTD 708, VTD 802, VTD 803, VTD 804, VTD 805, VTD 806, VTD 807, VTD 808,**  
37 **VTD 907, VTD 908.**

38 **District 30C: Forsyth County: VTD 011, VTD 012, VTD 013, VTD 014, VTD 015, VTD 042,**  
39 **VTD 043, VTD 052, VTD 053, VTD 054, VTD 063, VTD 065, VTD 067, VTD 122, VTD**  
40 **505, VTD 507, VTD 607, VTD 701, VTD 703, VTD 704, VTD 709, VTD 901, VTD 902.**

41 **District 30D: Forsyth County: VTD 082, VTD 201, VTD 203, VTD 204, VTD 205, VTD 206,**  
42 **VTD 301, VTD 302, VTD 303, VTD 304, VTD 305, VTD 306, VTD 401, VTD 402, VTD**  
43 **403, VTD 404, VTD 405, VTD 501, VTD 502, VTD 503, VTD 504, VTD 506, VTD 601,**  
44 **VTD 602, VTD 603, VTD 604, VTD 605, VTD 606.**

45 **District 31: Stokes County, Surry County.**

46 **District 32: Alexander County, Iredell County.**

47 **District 33: Gaston County.**

48 **District 34: Cleveland County, Lincoln County.**

49 **District 35: Burke County, Caldwell County, Catawba County.**

50 **District 36: Alleghany County, Ashe County, Wilkes County, Yadkin County.**

**District 37:** Avery County, Madison County, Mitchell County, Watauga County, Yancey County.

**District 38:** McDowell County, Rutherford County.

**District 39A:** Buncombe County: VTD 101.1, VTD 102.1, VTD 107.1, VTD 19.1, VTD 24.1, VTD 30.1, VTD 37.1, VTD 38.2, VTD 38.3, VTD 39.1, VTD 41.1, VTD 44.1, VTD 45.1, VTD 46.1, VTD 47.1, VTD 48.1, VTD 49.1, VTD 52.1, VTD 53.1, VTD 55.1, VTD 57.1, VTD 58.1, VTD 63.1, VTD 67.1, VTD 68.1, VTD 69.1, VTD 70.1, VTD 71.1.

**District 39B:** Buncombe County: VTD 01.1, VTD 02.1, VTD 03.1, VTD 04.1, VTD 05.1, VTD 06.1, VTD 07.1, VTD 09.1, VTD 10.1, VTD 100.1, VTD 103.1, VTD 104.1, VTD 105.1, VTD 106.1, VTD 11.1, VTD 12.1, VTD 13.1, VTD 14.2, VTD 15.1, VTD 17.1, VTD 20.1, VTD 25.1, VTD 26.1, VTD 28.1, VTD 31.1, VTD 32.1, VTD 33.2, VTD 33.3, VTD 34.1, VTD 35.1, VTD 36.1, VTD 50.1, VTD 59.1, VTD 60.2, VTD 61.1, VTD 62.1, VTD 64.1, VTD 65.1, VTD 66.1.

**District 40:** Henderson County, Polk County, Transylvania County.

**District 41:** Cherokee County, Clay County, Graham County, Haywood County, Jackson County, Macon County, Swain County.

(b) Each district has the number of district court judges as set forth in the following table:

<u>District Court District</u>	<u>No. of District Court Judges</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>10AE</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>10BD</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>10C</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>10F</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>12A</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>12B</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>12C</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>14</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>15A</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>15B</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>18A</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>18B</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>18C</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>19</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>21</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>22A</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>22B</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>22C</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>22D</u>	<u>3</u>

1	<u>22E</u>	<u>3</u>
2	<u>23</u>	<u>6</u>
3	<u>24</u>	<u>7</u>
4	<u>25</u>	<u>6</u>
5	<u>26A</u>	<u>12</u>
6	<u>26B</u>	<u>9</u>
7	<u>27</u>	<u>5</u>
8	<u>28</u>	<u>3</u>
9	<u>29</u>	<u>6</u>
10	<u>30A</u>	<u>3</u>
11	<u>30B</u>	<u>3</u>
12	<u>30C</u>	<u>3</u>
13	<u>30D</u>	<u>3</u>
14	<u>31</u>	<u>4</u>
15	<u>32</u>	<u>6</u>
16	<u>33</u>	<u>7</u>
17	<u>34</u>	<u>6</u>
18	<u>35</u>	<u>10</u>
19	<u>36</u>	<u>5</u>
20	<u>37</u>	<u>4</u>
21	<u>38</u>	<u>4</u>
22	<u>39A</u>	<u>4</u>
23	<u>39B</u>	<u>3</u>
24	<u>40</u>	<u>5</u>
25	<u>41</u>	<u>6</u>

(c) For district court, the following shall apply:

- (1) The qualified voters of District 4 shall elect all judges established for District 4 in subsection (b) of this section, but only persons who reside in Onslow County may be candidates for five of the judgeships and only persons who reside in Duplin, Jones, or Sampson County may be candidates for the remaining judgeships.
- (2) The qualified voters of District 11 shall elect all judges established for District 11 in subsection (b) of this section, but only persons who reside in Johnston County may be candidates for seven of the judgeships and only persons who reside in Harnett or Lee County may be candidates for the remaining judgeships.
- (3) The qualified voters of District 13 shall elect all judges established for District 13 in subsection (a) of this section, but only persons who reside in Brunswick County may be candidates for three of the judgeships, only persons who reside in Columbus County may be candidates for two of the judgeships, only persons who reside in Bladen County may be candidates for one of the judgeships, and only persons who reside in Bladen, Brunswick, or Columbus County may be candidates for the remaining judgeship.
- (4) The qualified voters of District 28 shall elect all judges established for District 28 in subsection (a) of this section, but only persons who reside in Stanly County may be candidates for two of the judgeships and only persons who reside in Montgomery County may be candidates for the remaining judgeship.
- (5) The qualified voters of District 29 shall elect all judges established for District 29 in subsection (a) of this section, but only persons who reside in Davidson County may be candidates for four of the judgeships and only

1 persons who reside in Davie County may be candidates for the remaining  
2 judgeships.

3 (6) The qualified voters of District 32 shall elect all judges established for  
4 District 32 in subsection (a) of this section, but only persons who reside in  
5 Iredell County may be candidates for four of the judgeships and only persons  
6 who reside in Alexander County may be candidates for the remaining  
7 judgeships.

8 (7) The qualified voters of District 35 shall elect all judges established for  
9 District 35 in subsection (a) of this section, but only persons who reside in  
10 Burke or Caldwell County may be candidates for two of the judgeships and  
11 only persons who reside in Burke, Caldwell, or Catawba County may be  
12 candidates for the remaining judgeships.

13 (8) The qualified voters of District 36 shall elect all judges established for  
14 District 36 in subsection (a) of this section, but only persons who reside in  
15 Wilkes County may be candidates for three of the judgeships, only persons  
16 who reside in Yadkin County may be candidates for one of the judgeship,  
17 and only persons who reside in Alleghany or Ashe County may be  
18 candidates for the remaining judgeship.

19 (d) In subsection (b) of this section, the names and boundaries of voting tabulation  
20 districts, tracts, block groups, and blocks specified in this section are as shown on the 2010  
21 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles. If any voting tabulation district boundary is  
22 changed, that change shall not alter the boundary of a judicial district, which shall remain the  
23 same as it is depicted by the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles.

24 (e) The Legislative Services Officer shall certify a true copy of the block assignment  
25 file associated with any mapping software used to generate the language in subsection (a) of  
26 this section. The certified true copy of the block assignment file shall be delivered by the  
27 Legislative Services Officer to the Principal Clerk of the Senate and the Principal Clerk of the  
28 House of Representatives. If any area within North Carolina is not assigned to a specific district  
29 by subsection (a) of this section, the certified true copy of the block assignment file delivered to  
30 the Principal Clerk of the Senate and the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall  
31 control.

32 (f) In order to implement the division of the State into a convenient number of district  
33 court districts without ending the term of office of any district court judge elected by the people  
34 of this State on or before January 1, 2017, the following shall apply:

35 (1) Judges in the following districts, as set out in this section, shall take office  
36 on January 1, 2019, with elections in 2018 to be held accordingly:

37 a. District 1 – three judges.

38 b. District 2 – two judges.

39 c. District 4 – two judges, Onslow County.

40 d. District 4 – one judge, Duplin, Jones, or Sampson County.

41 e. District 5 – one judge.

42 f. District 6 – two judges.

43 g. District 7 – two judges.

44 h. District 8 – one judge.

45 i. District 10AE – four judges.

46 j. District 10BD – one judge.

47 k. District 10C – one judge.

48 l. District 10F – two judges.

49 m. District 11 – two judges, Harnett or Lee County.

50 n. District 11 – two judges, Johnston County.

51 o. District 12A – two judges.

- 1           p.       District 12B – two judges.  
2           q.       District 13 – one judge, Brunswick County.  
3           r.       District 13 – one judge, Columbus County.  
4           s.       District 13 – one judge.  
5           t.       District 14 – four judges.  
6           u.       District 15A – four judges.  
7           v.       District 15B – three judges.  
8           w.       District 16 – two judges.  
9           x.       District 18A – two judges.  
10          y.       District 18B – two judges.  
11          z.       District 18C – one judge.  
12          aa.      District 20 – one judge.  
13          bb.      District 21 – two judges.  
14          cc.      District 22A – two judges.  
15          dd.      District 22C – one judge.  
16          ee.      District 23 – three judges.  
17          ff.      District 24 – one judge.  
18          gg.      District 25 – five judges.  
19          hh.      District 26A – three judges.  
20          ii.      District 26B – six judges.  
21          jj.      District 27 – four judges.  
22          kk.      District 28 – three judges.  
23          ll.      District 29 – six judges.  
24          mm.     District 30A – two judges.  
25          nn.      District 30D – two judges.  
26          oo.      District 31 – three judges.  
27          pp.      District 32 – two judges, Iredell County.  
28          qq.      District 33 – two judges.  
29          rr.      District 34 – one judge.  
30          ss.      District 35 – one judge, Burke or Caldwell County.  
31          tt.      District 35 – six judges.  
32          uu.      District 36 – one judge, Alleghany or Ashe County.  
33          vv.      District 36 – three judges, Wilkes County.  
34          ww.      District 37 – one judge.  
35          xx.      District 38 – three judges.  
36          yy.      District 39A – two judges.  
37          zz.      District 39B – three judges.  
38          aaa.     District 40 – one judge.  
39          bbb.     District 41 – three judges.  
40          (2)     Judges in the following districts, as set out in this section, shall take office  
41                    on January 1, 2021, with elections in 2020 to be held accordingly:  
42                  a.       District 1 – two judges.  
43                  b.       District 2 – two judges.  
44                  c.       District 3 – six judges.  
45                  d.       District 4 – three judges, Onslow County.  
46                  e.       District 4 – three judges, Duplin, Jones, or Sampson County.  
47                  f.       District 5 – five judges.  
48                  g.       District 6 – three judges.  
49                  h.       District 7 – five judges.  
50                  i.       District 8 – four judges.  
51                  j.       District 9 – six judges.

- 1            k.     District 10AE – two judges.  
2            l.     District 10BD – five judges.  
3            m.     District 10C – three judges.  
4            n.     District 10F – two judges.  
5            o.     District 11 – three judges, Harnett or Lee County.  
6            p.     District 11 – five judges, Johnston County.  
7            q.     District 12A – one judge.  
8            r.     District 12B – one judge.  
9            s.     District 12C – three judges.  
10          t.     District 13 – one judge, Bladen County.  
11          u.     District 13 – two judges, Brunswick County.  
12          v.     District 13 – one judge, Columbus County.  
13          w.     District 14 – three judges.  
14          x.     District 15A – one judge.  
15          y.     District 15B – two judges.  
16          z.     District 16 – two judges.  
17          aa.    District 18C – one judge.  
18          bb.    District 19 – four judges.  
19          cc.    District 20 – four judges.  
20          dd.    District 21 – two judges.  
21          ee.    District 22A – one judge.  
22          ff.    District 22B – three judges.  
23          gg.    District 22C – two judges.  
24          hh.    District 22D – three judges.  
25          ii.    District 22E – three judges.  
26          jj.    District 23 – three judges.  
27          kk.    District 24 – six judges.  
28          ll.    District 25 – one judge.  
29          mm.   District 26A – nine judges.  
30          nn.    District 26B – three judges.  
31          oo.    District 27 – one judge.  
32          pp.    District 30A – one judge.  
33          qq.    District 30B – three judges.  
34          rr.    District 30C – three judges.  
35          ss.    District 30D – one judge.  
36          tt.    District 31 – one judge.  
37          uu.    District 32 – two judges, Alexander County.  
38          vv.    District 32 – two judges, Iredell County.  
39          ww.    District 33 – five judges.  
40          xx.    District 34 – five judges.  
41          yy.    District 35 – one judge, Burke or Caldwell County.  
42          zz.    District 35 – two judges.  
43          aaa.   District 36 – one judge, Yadkin County.  
44          bbb.   District 37 – three judges.  
45          ccc.   District 38 – one judge.  
46          ddd.   District 39A – two judges.  
47          eee.   District 40 – four judges.  
48          fff.   District 41 – three judges.  
49          (3)    The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, acting in accordance with rules of  
50          the Supreme Court, may make assignments of any judge of the district court  
51          from one district to another for temporary duty that may extend for the



1 duration of an elected term beginning on or before January 1, 2017. In  
2 making such assignments, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may  
3 consider the districts, and the number of district court judges per district, as  
4 set forth in this section.

5 (4) In filling a vacancy, the Governor shall fill the vacancy in accordance with  
6 the districts, and the number of district court judges per district, as set forth  
7 in this section. If a vacancy is created in a district with an insufficient  
8 number of judges allocated to that district to allow all elected judges to  
9 continue to serve and fill the vacancy, the vacancy shall not be filled."

10 **SECTION 3.(a)** G.S. 7A-60 is repealed.

11 **SECTION 3.(b)** Article 9 of Chapter 7A of the General Statutes is amended by  
12 adding a new section to read:

13 **"§ 7A-60.5. District attorneys and prosecutorial districts.**

14 (a) The counties of the State are organized into prosecutorial districts, for which one  
15 district attorney shall be elected who shall be a resident of the prosecutorial district for which  
16 elected. Each prosecutorial district has the following counties:

17 **District 1:** Camden County, Chowan County, Currituck County, Dare County, Gates County,  
18 Pasquotank County, Perquimans County.

19 **District 2:** Beaufort County, Hyde County, Martin County, Tyrrell County, Washington  
20 County.

21 **District 3:** Carteret County, Craven County, Pamlico County.

22 **District 4:** Duplin County, Jones County, Onslow County, Sampson County.

23 **District 5:** Greene County, Lenoir County, Wayne County.

24 **District 6:** Pitt County.

25 **District 7:** Edgecombe County, Nash County, Wilson County.

26 **District 8:** Bertie County, Halifax County, Hertford County, Northampton County, Warren  
27 County.

28 **District 9:** Franklin County, Granville County, Person County, Vance County.

29 **District 10:** Wake County.

30 **District 11:** Johnston County.

31 **District 12:** New Hanover County, Pender County.

32 **District 13:** Bladen County, Brunswick County, Columbus County.

33 **District 14:** Robeson County, Scotland County.

34 **District 15:** Cumberland County.

35 **District 16:** Hoke County, Moore County.

36 **District 17:** Harnett County, Lee County.

37 **District 18:** Durham County.

38 **District 19:** Orange County.

39 **District 20:** Alamance County.

40 **District 21:** Caswell County, Rockingham County.

41 **District 22:** Guilford County.

42 **District 23:** Chatham County, Randolph County.

43 **District 24:** Union County.

44 **District 25:** Cabarrus County.

45 **District 26:** Mecklenburg County.

46 **District 27:** Rowan County.

47 **District 28:** Montgomery County, Stanly County.

48 **District 29:** Davidson County, Davie County.

49 **District 30:** Forsyth County.

50 **District 31:** Stokes County, Surry County.

51 **District 32:** Alexander County, Iredell County.

- 1 **District 33: Gaston County.**
- 2 **District 34: Cleveland County, Lincoln County.**
- 3 **District 35: Burke County, Caldwell County.**
- 4 **District 36: Alleghany County, Ashe County, Wilkes County, Yadkin County.**
- 5 **District 37: Avery County, Madison County, Mitchell County, Watauga County, Yancey**
- 6 **County.**
- 7 **District 38: McDowell County, Rutherford County.**
- 8 **District 39: Buncombe County.**
- 9 **District 40: Henderson County, Polk County, Transylvania County.**
- 10 **District 41: Cherokee County, Clay County, Graham County, Haywood County, Jackson**
- 11 **County, Macon County, Swain County.**
- 12 **District 42: Anson County, Richmond County.**
- 13 **District 43: Catawba County.**

14 (b) Each district has the number of full-time assistant district attorneys set forth in the  
 15 following table:

<u>Prosecutorial District</u>	<u>No. of Full-Time Asst. District Attorneys</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>44</u>
<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>13</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>17</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>19</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>21</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>22</u>	<u>36</u>
<u>23</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>24</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>26</u>	<u>58</u>
<u>27</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>28</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>29</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>30</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>31</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>32</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>33</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>34</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>35</u>	<u>11</u>

1	<u>36</u>	<u>9</u>
2	<u>37</u>	<u>8</u>
3	<u>38</u>	<u>8</u>
4	<u>39</u>	<u>14</u>
5	<u>40</u>	<u>10</u>
6	<u>41</u>	<u>13</u>
7	<u>42</u>	<u>6</u>
8	<u>43</u>	<u>11</u>

9       (c) In subsection (a) of this section, the names and boundaries of counties specified in  
 10 this section are as shown on the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles. If any  
 11 county boundary is changed, that change shall alter the boundary of a judicial district.

12       (d) The Legislative Services Officer shall certify a true copy of the block assignment  
 13 file associated with any mapping software used to generate the language in subsection (a) of  
 14 this section. The certified true copy of the block assignment file shall be delivered by the  
 15 Legislative Services Officer to the Principal Clerk of the Senate and the Principal Clerk of the  
 16 House of Representatives. If any area within North Carolina is not assigned to a specific district  
 17 by subsection (a) of this section, the certified true copy of the block assignment file delivered to  
 18 the Principal Clerk of the Senate and the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall  
 19 control.

20       (e) A vacancy in the office of district attorney shall be filled as provided in Section 19  
 21 of Article IV of the North Carolina Constitution."

22               **SECTION 3.(c)** G.S. 7A-63 reads as rewritten:

23 **"§ 7A-63. Assistant district attorneys.**

24       Each district attorney shall be entitled to the number of full-time assistant district attorneys  
 25 set out in this ~~Subchapter, such number to be developed by the General Assembly after~~  
 26 ~~consulting the workload formula established through the National Center for State Courts,~~  
 27 Subchapter to be appointed by the district attorney, to serve at the district attorney's pleasure. A  
 28 vacancy in the office of assistant district attorney shall be filled in the same manner as the  
 29 initial appointment. An assistant district attorney shall take the same oath of office as the  
 30 district attorney, and shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the district attorney. The  
 31 district attorney shall devote full time to the duties of the office and shall not engage in the  
 32 private practice of law during his or her term."

33               **SECTION 3.(d)** Notwithstanding G.S. 7A-60 and G.S. 7A-60.5, as enacted by this  
 34 section, if a vacancy occurs in the office of district attorney that began on or before January 1,  
 35 2017, and the district to which that district attorney was elected no longer exists under  
 36 G.S. 7A-60.5, as enacted by this section, the vacancy shall not be filled in order to implement  
 37 the districts as set out in this section.

38               **SECTION 3.(e)** The office and term of the district attorney for Prosecutorial  
 39 District 20 formerly consisting of Robeson County is extended to expire on December 31,  
 40 2020, and no election shall be held in 2018.

41               **SECTION 3.(f)** The office and term of the district attorney for Prosecutorial  
 42 District 19 formerly consisting of Hoke and Scotland Counties is terminated upon the  
 43 expiration of the current term, December 31, 2020. Effective January 1, 2021, District 19  
 44 formerly consisting of Hoke and Scotland Counties is reassigned as provided in this section.  
 45 All open investigations and pending cases for Prosecutorial District 19 formerly consisting of  
 46 Hoke and Scotland Counties shall be transferred to either District 14 or District 16, as enacted  
 47 by this section. Hoke County is added to District 16, as enacted by this section, and the total  
 48 number of ADAs in that district is eight. Scotland County is added to District 14 and the total  
 49 number of ADAs in that district is 15.

50               **SECTION 3.(g)** The office and term of the district attorney for Prosecutorial  
 51 District 18 formerly consisting of Orange and Chatham Counties is terminated upon the

1 expiration of the current term, December 31, 2018. Effective January 1, 2019, District 18  
2 formerly consisting of Orange and Chatham Counties is reassigned as provided in this section.  
3 All open investigations and pending cases for Prosecutorial District 18 formerly consisting of  
4 Orange and Chatham Counties shall be transferred to either District 19 or District 23, as  
5 enacted by this section. Orange County is added to District 19, as enacted by this section, and  
6 the total number of ADAs in that district is seven. Chatham County is added to District 23, as  
7 enacted by this section, and the total number of ADAs in that district is 13.

8 **SECTION 3.(h)** The office and term of the district attorney for Prosecutorial  
9 District 26 formerly consisting of Montgomery and Randolph Counties is terminated upon the  
10 expiration of the current term, December 31, 2020. Effective January 1, 2019, District 26  
11 formerly consisting of Montgomery and Randolph Counties is reassigned as provided in this  
12 section. All open investigations and pending cases for Prosecutorial District 26 formerly  
13 consisting of Montgomery and Randolph Counties shall be transferred to either District 23 or  
14 District 28, as enacted by this section. Montgomery County is District 28, as enacted by this  
15 section, and the total number of ADAs in that district is six. Randolph County is added to  
16 District 23, as enacted by this section, and the total number of ADAs in that district is 13.

17 **SECTION 4.(a)** G.S. 163-165.5(a) reads as rewritten:

18 "(a) Except as provided in this section, each official ballot shall contain all the following  
19 elements:

- 20 (1) The heading prescribed by the State Board of Elections. The heading shall  
21 include the term "Official Ballot".
- 22 (2) The title of each office to be voted on and the number of votes allowed in  
23 each ballot item.
- 24 (3) The names of the candidates as they appear on their notice of candidacy filed  
25 pursuant to G.S. 163-106 or G.S. 163-323, or on petition forms filed in  
26 accordance with G.S. 163-122. No title, appendage, or appellation indicating  
27 rank, status, or position shall be printed on the official ballot in connection  
28 with the candidate's name. Candidates, however, may use the title Mr., Mrs.,  
29 Miss, or Ms. Nicknames shall be permitted on an official ballot if used in the  
30 notice of candidacy or qualifying petition, but the nickname shall appear  
31 according to standards adopted by the State Board of Elections. Those  
32 standards shall allow the presentation of legitimate nicknames in ways that  
33 do not mislead the voter or unduly advertise the candidacy. In the case of  
34 candidates for presidential elector, the official ballot shall not contain the  
35 names of the candidates for elector but instead shall contain the nominees for  
36 President and Vice President which the candidates for elector represent. The  
37 State Board of Elections shall establish a review procedure that local boards  
38 of elections shall follow to ensure that candidates' names appear on the  
39 official ballot in accordance with this subdivision.
- 40 (4) Party designations in partisan ballot items and in nonpartisan ballot items as  
41 required by G.S. 163-323(h).
- 42 (5) A means by which the voter may cast write-in votes, as provided in  
43 G.S. 163-123. No space for write-ins is required unless a write-in candidate  
44 has qualified under G.S. 163-123 or unless the ballot item is exempt from  
45 G.S. 163-123.
- 46 (6) Instructions to voters, unless the State Board of Elections allows instructions  
47 to be placed elsewhere than on the official ballot.
- 48 (7) The printed title and facsimile signature of the chair of the county board of  
49 elections.
- 50 (8) The designation of vacancy sought, if there are two or more vacancies for an  
51 elected office. The designation shall not be the name or names of any

1 incumbent or other individual, but shall be designated as determined by the  
2 State Board."

3 **SECTION 4.(b)** G.S. 163-106, as amended by Section 21(a) of S.L. 2016-125 and  
4 Section 5 of S.L. 2017-3, reads as rewritten:

5 "**§ 163-106. Notices of candidacy; pledge; with whom filed; date for filing; withdrawal.**

6 ...

7 (d) Notice of Candidacy for Certain Offices to Indicate Vacancy. – In any primary in  
8 which there are two or more vacancies for associate justices for the Supreme Court, two or  
9 more vacancies for the Court of Appeals, two or more vacancies for district court judge, or two  
10 vacancies for United States Senator from North Carolina, each candidate shall, at the time of  
11 filing notice of candidacy, file with the State Board of Elections a written statement designating  
12 the vacancy to which the candidate seeks nomination. The designation shall not be the name or  
13 names of any incumbent or other individual, but shall be designated as determined by the State  
14 Board. A person seeking election for a specialized district judgeship established under  
15 G.S. 7A-147 shall, at the time of filing notice of candidacy, file with the State Board of  
16 Elections a written statement designating the specialized judgeship to which the person seeks  
17 nomination. Votes cast for a candidate shall be effective only for nomination to the vacancy for  
18 which the candidate has given notice of candidacy as provided in this subsection.

19 ...."

20 **SECTION 5.** The Administrative Office of the Courts, the Courts Commission,  
21 and the Legislative Services Commission shall study and determine quantifiable workload  
22 assessments, by county, for prosecutorial, district, and superior courts to assist the General  
23 Assembly in dividing the State into a convenient number of districts and divisions for the  
24 administration of the judicial branch. The Courts Commission shall make a report to the 2019  
25 Regular Session of the General Assembly on or before December 15, 2018, with any  
26 recommendations of the study.

27 **SECTION 6.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2019, and, except as provided  
28 in this act, elections in 2018 and thereafter shall be held accordingly.