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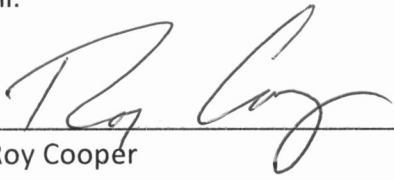
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GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

House Bill 239, "AN ACT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF JUDGES ON THE COURT OF APPEALS TO TWELVE; to provide an appeal of right for trial court decisions regarding class action certification and termination of parental rights; and to provide for discretionary review by the supreme court in cases where the subject matter involves the jurisdiction and integrity of the court system."

Fewer judges will increase the court's workload and delay the people's access to timely appeals and decisions. The bill is an attempt by a political party to stack the Court of Appeals. Additionally, I believe this legislation is unconstitutional.

Therefore, I veto the bill.



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The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this the 20th day of April 2017, at 10:29 AM for reconsideration by that body.

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