

2A:2-1, 2A:2-1.3

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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SENATE, No. 1058

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JANUARY 23, 1984

By Senators O'CONNOR, COWAN and JACKMAN

(Without Reference)

AN ACT concerning judges of the Superior Court in certain counties, amending N. J. S. 2A:2-1 and P. L. 1983, c. 405.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. N. J. S. 2A:2-1 is amended to read as follows:

2 2A:2-1. a. The Superior Court shall consist of not less than
3 **[327]** *329* judges. Each judge shall receive such annual salary as
4 shall be fixed by law.

5 b. (1) The Superior Court shall at all times consist of the follow-
6 ing number of judges of each county who at the time of their
7 appointment and reappointment were residents of that county:

8	Atlantic	7
9	Bergen	24
10	Burlington	5
11	Camden	14
12	Cape May	3
13	Cumberland	5
14	Essex	26
15	Gloucester	8
16	Hudson	[14] 16
17	Hunterdon	2
18	Mercer	8
19	Middlesex	16
20	Monmouth	12
21	Morris	11
22	Ocean	10

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23	Passaic	14
24	Salem	2
25	Somerset	5
26	Sussex	3
27	Union	16
28	Warren	2

29 (2) Additionally, a number of those judges of the Superior Court
30 satisfying the residency requirements set forth above equal to the
31 number of judges of the county court authorized in each of the
32 counties on December 6, 1978 shall at all times sit in the county in
33 which they reside.

1 2. Section 11 of P. L. 1983, c. 405 (C. 2A:2-1.3) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 11. a. Each county shall be responsible for 50% of the cost of
4 the salary of the judges of the juvenile and domestic relations
5 courts or family court and county district courts transferred pur-
6 suant to this act until December 31, 1984.

7 b. In any county where the required number of judges set forth
8 in N. J. S. 2A:2-1.b is increased after **[January 17, 1984]** (*the*
9 *effective date of this 1984 amendatory act*) and the number of
10 judges assigned to the Superior Court to that county is thereby
11 increased, the county shall be responsible for funding 100% of the
12 cost of the salary of any judge who has been assigned in the first
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Court and added additional judges to Atlantic, Union and Ocean counties.

This bill also amends section 11 of 1983, c. 405 (C. 2A:2-1.3) to allow these additional judges to be "phased in" over the course of this year. This "phase in" method was employed in the recent laws which added additional judges to Atlantic, Union and Ocean counties. Hudson county would be responsible for funding 50% of the cost of the salary of the judges until December 31, 1984.

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Governor Thomas H. Kean has signed the following bills:
S-1058, sponsored by State Senate Edward T. O'Connor, Jr., D-Hudson, which increases the number of Superior Court judges in Hudson County from 14 to 16.

S-1430, sponsored by State Senator John A. Lynch, D-Middlesex, which gives the counties a temporary, one-year extension for certain budget cap exemptions which were recently disallowed by the Attorney General. The bill allows counties to continue to take an exemption for tax levies used to operate certain government-supported facilities such as county hospitals and nursing homes.

S-1461, sponsored by State Senator Walter Rand, D-Camden, which allows a budget cap exemption for Deptford Township to pay budget overexpenditures. The township overspent its 1983 budget by approximately \$1.5 million. Without the exemption the payment of overexpenditures would have to be paid from within the cap, leaving the municipality without sufficient funds to pay other necessary obligations.

A-1169, sponsored by Assemblyman John P. Doyle, D-Ocean, which updates the Municipal Land Use Law. The bill incorporates into the law a series of technical amendments recommended by the Municipal Land Use Drafting Committee convened by the League of Municipalities. The amendment address such issues as variances from zoning ordinances, completeness of an application for development, resolutions stating reasons for approval or denial of an application for development and related areas.

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