

2A:2-1

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NJSA: 2A:2-1

(Judges--Bergen
County)

LAWS OF: 1989

CHAPTER: 324

Bill No: A1400

Sponsor(s): Randall

Date Introduced: Pre-filed

Committee: Assembly: Judiciary

Senate: Judiciary

Amended during passage: Yes Amendments denoted by asterisks.

Date of Passage: Assembly: August 14, 1989 Re-enacted 1-8-90

Senate: December 14, 1989 Re-enacted 1-8-90

Date of Approval: January 12, 1990

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement: Yes (Below)

Committee Statement: Assembly: Yes

Senate: Yes

Fiscal Note: No

Veto Message: Yes

Message on signing: No

Following were printed:

Reports: No

Hearings: No

Sponsor's Statement:

This bill authorizes the appointment of two additional judges in
Bergen County.

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[SECOND REPRINT]
ASSEMBLY, No. 1400

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1988 SESSION

By Assemblywoman RANDALL

1 AN ACT concerning judges of the Superior Court in certain
counties and amending N.J.S. 2A:2-1 ²and supplementing Title
3 2A of the New Jersey Statutes².

5 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the
State of New Jersey:

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

2A:2-1. a. The Superior Court shall consist of not less than
9 [349] ¹[356] 358¹ judges. Each judge shall receive such annual
salary as shall be fixed by law.

11 b. (1) The Superior Court shall at all times consist of the
following number of judges of each county who at the time of
13 their appointment and reappointment were residents of that
county:

15	Atlantic	. . . . .	10
	Bergen	. . . . . [24]	<u>26</u>
17	Burlington	. . . . .	5
	Camden	. . . . .	14
19	Cape May	. . . . . ¹ [3]	<u>4</u> ¹
	Cumberland	. . . . .	5
21	Essex	. . . . .	28
	Gloucester	. . . . .	8
23	Hudson	. . . . .	20
	Hunterdon	. . . . .	3
25	Mercer	. . . . .	8
	Middlesex	. . . . . ¹ [18]	<u>20</u> ¹
27	Monmouth	. . . . .	16
	Morris	. . . . .	13
29	Ocean	. . . . .	14
	Passaic	. . . . .	14
31	Salem	. . . . .	2
	Somerset	. . . . .	6

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the
above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly AJU committee amendments adopted October 13, 1988.

² Assembly floor amendments adopted May 15, 1989.

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ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1400

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 13, 1988

The Assembly Judiciary Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 1400. Assembly Bill No. 1400 authorizes the appointment of two additional judges in Bergen County. Presently there are 24 judges in Bergen County. This bill raises the number to 26.

The committee amendments are technical in nature and amend the bill to conform with a recently enacted law.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 1988 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1400

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 30, 1989

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1400.

This bill would increase the number of authorized judgeships for Bergen County from 24 to 26.

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

January 8, 1990

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1400 (Second Reprint)

To the General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the Constitution, I am returning Assembly Bill No. 1400 (Second Reprint) with my objections for reconsideration.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the appointment of two additional judgeships in Bergen County and to exempt these two new judgeships from the statutory provision requiring that counties initially assume a share of the costs of judicial salaries.

I support the addition of two new judges in Bergen County. Bergen County, like many counties around the State, has seen its caseload increase substantially while the number of judges assigned to handle these cases has remained the same.

However, I am unable to support exempting these two judicial positions in Bergen County from the general statutory provision that counties initially assume a share of these judicial salaries. Pursuant to current law (N.J.S.A. 2A:2-1.3), in any county where the required number of judges is increased after December 28, 1984 and the number of judges assigned to the Superior Court in that county is thereby increased, the county is responsible for funding 100 percent of the costs of the salary of any judge who has been assigned in the first year following the date of increase, 75 percent in the second year, 50 percent in the third year, 25 percent in the fourth year, and in the fifth and all subsequent years, the State is responsible for the entire cost of the salary of any judge so assigned. As I see no reason why these two new Bergen County judgeships should be exempt from this statutory, five-year phase-in requirement, I recommend deletion of that part of the bill that creates an exemption for these two positions.