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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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(Juvenile and Domestic Relations Judges--additional in certain cases.)

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Bill No: A3548

Sponsor(s): Palai and others

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Senate: Revenue, Finance and Appropriations

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Sponsors Statement:

This bill increases the number of judges of the juvenile and domestic relations court of Monmouth County by two. These judges will become family court judges when the juvenile and domestic relations courts are abolished and become family courts on September 1, 1983.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3548

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 13, 1983

By Assemblymen PALAIA, VILLANE, Assemblywoman MUHLER,
Assemblymen BENNETT and VAN WAGNER

AN ACT concerning juvenile and domestic relations court judges and family court judges in certain counties, amending P. L. 1982, c. 78 and supplementing chapter 4 of Title 2A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

1 1. (New section) ***[The]*** **In addition to the judges authorized*
2 *under N. J. S. 2A:4-4, the* * Governor, with the advice and consent
3 of the Senate, shall appoint in each county of the fifth class having
3A a population greater than 500,000 according to the 1980 federal
4 census, two attorneys-at-law to be judges of the juvenile and
5 domestic relations court of the county. They shall devote their
6 entire time to their judicial duties, shall not engage in the practice
7 of law and shall be paid a salary as provided by law.

1 *2. (New section) *In addition to the judges authorized under*
2 *N. J. S. 2A:4-4, the Governor, with the advice and consent of the*
3 *Senate, shall appoint in each county of the second class having a*
4 *population of not less than 400,000 nor more than 450,000, accord-*
5 *ing to the 1980 federal census, two attorneys-at-law to be judges*
6 *of the juvenile and domestic relations courts of the county. They*
7 *shall devote their entire time to their judicial duties, shall not en-*
8 *gage in the practice of law and shall be paid such salary as is*
9 *provided by law.**

1 ***[2.]*** *3.* Section 4 of P. L. 1982, c. 78 (C. 2A:4A-3) is amended
2 to read as follows:

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 printed in italics *thus* is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

*—Assembly committee amendments adopted June 16, 1983.

3 4. a. The family court shall consist of **[42]** ***[44]*** ***48*** judges.
 4 Each judge shall receive such annual salary as shall be fixed by law.

5 b. The family court shall consist of the following number of
 6 judges from the listed counties who at the time of their appoint-
 7 ment and any reappointment were residents of that county:

| | | |
|----|----------------|-------------------------|
| 8 | Atlantic | 1 |
| 9 | Bergen | 4 |
| 10 | Burlington | 1 |
| 11 | Camden | 4 |
| 12 | Cumberland | 1 |
| 13 | Essex | 6 |
| 14 | Gloucester | 2 |
| 15 | Hudson | 4 |
| 16 | Mercer | 1 |
| 17 | Middlesex | 4 |
| 18 | Monmouth | [4]6 |
| 19 | Morris | *[2]* *4* |
| 20 | <i>Passaic</i> | *[2]* *4* |
| 21 | Somerset | 1 |
| 22 | Sussex | 1 |
| 23 | Union | 4 |

24 c. In counties other than those in which the appointment of
 25 judges is provided by subsection b., the Supreme Court shall
 26 designate a Superior Court judge sitting in that county as the
 27 judge of the family court.

28 d. There shall be established in each county a court intake service,
 29 which shall have among its responsibilities the screening of juve-
 30 nile delinquency complaints and juvenile-family crisis referrals.
 31 The intake service shall operate in compliance with standards
 32 established by the Supreme Court, but in no instance shall the
 33 standards for personnel employed as counselors hired after the
 34 effective date of this act be less than a masters degree from an
 35 accredited institution in a mental health or social or behavioral
 36 sciences discipline including degrees in social work, counseling,
 37 counseling psychology, mental health, counseling or education.
 38 Equivalent experience is acceptable when it consists of a minimum
 39 of an associates degree with a concentration in one of the behavioral
 40 sciences and a minimum of five years experience working with
 41 troubled youth and their families or a bachelors degree in one of
 42 the behavioral sciences and two years experience working with the
 43 troubled youth and their families. Intake personnel should also
 44 receive training in drug and alcohol abuse.

45 e. Guidelines for the education and training of judges authorized

46 to sit in the family court shall be established by the Administrative
47 Office of the Courts and shall include familiarization with youth
48 services available in the county in which the judge sits.

1 ***3.** This act shall take effect immediately except for section 2
2 which shall take effect September 1, 1983. Section 1 shall expire
3 on September 1, 1983.]*

1 *4. *This act shall take effect immediately except for section 3*
2 *which shall take effect December 31, 1983. Sections 1 and 2 shall*
3 *expire on December 31, 1983.**

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3548

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 16, 1983

Assembly Bill No. 3548 authorizes the appointment of two additional juvenile and domestic relations court judges in Monmouth county. These judgeships will be transferred to the family court when that court becomes operational.

The technical amendments conform the bill to S-3082 which authorizes two additional judges in Passaic county. With these amendments, this bill becomes identical to S-3082 and S-1854.

The amendments also change the effective date to December 31, 1983 in anticipation of the passage of S-3214 and A-3284, the bills that delay the implementation of the new Juvenile Justice Code and the establishment of the family court.

SENATE REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 3548

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 23, 1983

Assembly Bill No. 3548 OCR provides two additional juvenile and domestic relations court judges for Monmouth, Morris and Passaic counties. These judgeships will be incorporated into the family court on the date that court becomes operative.

FISCAL IMPACT

The salary and salary related costs per judge total about \$104,000.00. These costs will be assumed by the State upon the merger of the county district and juvenile and domestic relations courts into the superior court system.

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SENATE, No. 3178

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 7, 1983

By Senators GALLAGHER and KENNEDY

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT concerning juvenile and domestic relations court judges and family court judges in certain counties, amending P. L. 1982, c. 78 and supplementing chapter 4 of Title 2A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

1 ***[1.** (New section) The Governor, with the advice and consent of
2 the Senate, shall appoint in each county of the second class having
3 a population of not less than 200,000 nor more than 300,000 accord-
4 ing to the 1980 federal census, an attorney-at-law to be judge of the
5 juvenile and domestic relations court of the county. He shall devote
6 his entire time to his judicial duties, shall not engage in the practice
7 of law and shall be paid a salary as provided by law.]**

1 ***[2.]*** *1.* (New section) ***[The]*** *In addition to the judges
2 authorized under N. J. S. 2A:4-4, the* Governor, with the advice and
3 consent of the Senate, shall appoint in each county of the fifth class
4 having a population greater than 500,000 according to the 1980
4A federal census, two attorneys-at-law to be judges of the juvenile and
5 domestic relations court of the county. They shall devote their
6 entire time to their judicial duties, shall not engage in the practice
7 of law and shall be paid a salary as provided by law.

1 *2. (New section) *In addition to the judges authorized under*
2 *N. J. S. 2A:4-4, the Governor, with the advice and consent of the*
3 *Senate, shall appoint in each county of the second class having a*
4 *population of not less than 400,000 nor more than 450,000, accord-*
5 *ing to the 1980 federal census, two attorneys-at-law to be judges*

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*—Senate committee amendments adopted June 23, 1983.

6 of the juvenile and domestic relations courts of the county. They
 7 shall devote their entire time to their judicial duties, shall not en-
 8 gage in the practice of law and shall be paid the salary as is
 9 provided by law*.

1 3. Section 4 of P. L. 1982, c. 78 (C. 2A :4A-3) is amended to read
 2 as follows:

3 4. a. The family court shall consist of **[41]** ***[44]*** ***48*** judges.
 4 Each judge shall receive such annual salary as shall be fixed by law.

5 b. The family court shall consist of the following number of
 6 judges from the listed counties who at the time of their appoint-
 7 ment and any reappointment were residents of that county:

| | | |
|----|------------|-------------------------|
| 8 | Atlantic | 1 |
| 9 | Bergen | 4 |
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| 13 | Essex | 6 |
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| 15 | Hudson | 4 |
| 16 | Mercer | 1 |
| 17 | Middlesex | 4 |
| 18 | Monmouth | [4] 6 |
| 19 | Morris | *[2]* *4* |
| 20 | Passaic | *[2]* *4* |
| 21 | Somerset | 1 |
| 22 | Sussex | 1 |
| 23 | Union | 4 |

24 c. In counties other than those in which the appointment of
 25 judges is provided by subsection b., the Supreme Court shall
 26 designate a Superior Court judge sitting in that county as the
 27 judge of the family court.

28 d. There shall be established in each county a court intake service,
 29 which shall have among its responsibilities the screening of juve-
 30 nile delinquency complaints and juvenile-family crisis referrals.
 31 The intake service shall operate in compliance with standards
 32 established by the Supreme Court, but in no instance shall the
 33 standards for personnel employed as counselors hired after the
 34 effective date of this act be less than a masters degree from an
 35 accredited institution in a mental health or social or behavioral
 36 sciences discipline including degrees in social work, counseling,
 37 counseling psychology, mental health, counseling or education.
 38 Equivalent experience is acceptable when it consists of a minimum
 39 of an associates degree with a concentration in one of the behavioral

40 sciences and a minimum of five years experience working with
41 troubled youth and their families or a bachelors degree in one of
42 the behavioral sciences and two years experience working with the
43 troubled youth and their families. Intake personnel should also
44 receive training in drug and alcohol abuse.

45 e. Guidelines for the education and training of judges authorized
46 to sit in the family court shall be established by the Administrative
47 Office of the Courts and shall include familiarization with youth
48 services available in the county in which the judge sits.

1 4. This act shall take effect immediately except for section 3
2 which shall take effect ***[September 1]*** *December 31**, 1983.
3 Sections 1 and 2 shall expire on ***[September 1]*** *December 31**,
4 1983.

SENATE, No. 3178

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 7, 1983

By Senators GALLAGHER and KENNEDY

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT concerning juvenile and domestic relations court judges and family court judges in certain counties, amending P. L. 1982, c. 78 and supplementing chapter 4 of Title 2A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

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2 the Senate, shall appoint in each county of the second class having
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5 juvenile and domestic relations court of the county. He shall devote
6 his entire time to his judicial duties, shall not engage in the practice
7 of law and shall be paid a salary as provided by law.

1 2. (New section) The Governor, with the advice and consent of
2 the Senate, shall appoint in each county of the fifth class having a
3 population greater than 500,000 according to the 1980 federal
4 census, two attorneys-at-law to be judges of the juvenile and
5 domestic relations court of the county. They shall devote their
6 entire time to their judicial duties, shall not engage in the practice
7 of law and shall be paid a salary as provided by law.

1 3. Section 4 of P. L. 1982, c. 78 (C. 2A :4A-3) is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 4. a. The family court shall consist of **[4]** 44 judges. Each judge
4 shall receive such annual salary as shall be fixed by law.

5 b. The family court shall consist of the following number of
6 judges from the listed counties who at the time of their appoint-
7 ment and any reappointment were residents of that county:

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| 13 | Essex | 6 |
| 14 | Gloucester | 2 |
| 15 | Hudson | 4 |
| 16 | Mercer | 1 |
| 17 | Middlesex | 4 |
| 18 | Monmouth | [4] 6 |
| 19 | Morris | 2 |
| 20 | <i>Passaic</i> | 2 |
| 21 | <i>Somerset</i> | 1 |
| 22 | Sussex | 1 |
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 25 judges is provided by subsection b., the Supreme Court shall
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45 e. Guidelines for the education and training of judges authorized
 46 to sit in the family court shall be established by the Administrative
 47 Office of the Courts and shall include familiarization with youth
 48 services available in the county in which the judge sits.

1 4. This act shall take effect immediately except for section 3
 2 which shall take effect September 1, 1983. Sections 1 and 2 shall
 3 expire on September 1, 1983.

STATEMENT

This bill increases the number of judges of the juvenile and domestic relations court of Somerset county by one and of Monmouth county by two. These judges will become family court judges when the juvenile and domestic relations courts are abolished and become family courts on September 1, 1983.

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3178

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 25, 1983

Senate Bill No. 3178 would increase the number of authorized juvenile and domestic relations court judgeships in Monmouth county from four to six. These judges would be transferred to county family court currently scheduled to be established on September 1, 1983.

SENATE REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 3178
with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 23, 1983

Senate Bill No. 3178 provides two additional juvenile and domestic relations court judges for Monmouth, Morris and Passaic counties. These judgeships will be incorporated into the family court on the date that court becomes operative.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Section 1 of the bill was deleted because the provisions of that section are now law (P. L. 1983, c. 140).

The date upon which the juvenile and domestic relations court provisions expire and the family court begin was changed in section 3 of the bill from September 1, 1983, to December 31, 1983. The reason for delaying the implementation date is that adoption of the constitutional amendment in November 1983, which will merge the present juvenile and domestic relations court and the county district court into the Superior Court, will obviate the need for a separate county family court.

FISCAL IMPACT

The salary and salary related costs per judge total about \$104,000.00. These costs will be assumed by the State upon the merger of the county district and juvenile and domestic relations courts into the superior court system.