

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 2A:4A-3

(Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Judges - additional certain counties)

LAWS OF: 1983

CHAPTER: 379

Bill No: S1854

Sponsor(s): Hirkala and Graves

Date Introduced: October 25, 1982

Committee:

Assembly: Judiciary, Law, Public Safety and Defense

Senate: Judiciary, Revenue, Finance and Appropriations

Amended during passage:

YES

Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks. Substituted for A3528/A3542 - Assembly Committee Substitute - bill and Assembly committee statement - attached.

Date of Passage:

Assembly: September 15, 1983

Senate: April 25, 1983

Date of Approval: November 10, 1983

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement:

YES

(Below) Also attached: Assembly amendments 7/11/83 (with statement)

Committee statement:

Assembly

YES

Senate

YES

3/7/83 and 12/13/82

Fiscal Note:

YES

Veto Message:

NO

Message on Signing:

~~NO~~ Yes

Following were printed:

Reports:

NO

Hearings:

NO

Sponsors' Statement:

This bill provides two additional juvenile and domestic court judges to Passaic County who shall become family court judges upon the effective date of the law establishing the family court.

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SENATE, No. 1854

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 25, 1982

By Senators HIRKALA and GRAVES

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT concerning juvenile and domestic relations
 ****[courts]**** ****court judges and family court judges****
 in certain counties, amending ****[section 4 of]**** 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) 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 fifth class having a
 4 population greater than 500,000 according to the 1980 federal
 5 census, two attorneys-at-law to be judges of the juvenile and do-
 6 mestic relations court of the county. They shall devote their entire
 7 time to their judicial duties, shall not engage in the practice of law
 8 and shall be paid a salary as provided by law.**

1 **[1.]** **2.** (New section) In addition to the judges autho-
 2 rized 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 second
 4 class having a population of not less than **[425,000]** **400,000**
 5 nor more than 450,000, according to the 1980 federal census, two
 6 attorneys-at-law to be judges of the juvenile and domestic relations
 7 court of the county. They shall devote their entire time to their
 8 judicial duties, shall not engage in the practice of law and shall be
 9 paid ****[such]**** ****a**** salary as is provided by law.

1 ***3. (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

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:

*—Senate committee amendments adopted December 13, 1982.

**—Assembly committee amendments adopted June 13, 1983.

***—Assembly amendments adopted June 20, 1983.

****—Assembly amendments adopted July 11, 1983.

3 Senate, shall appoint in each county of the first class having a
 4 population of ****[less than 850,000 and more than 800,000]****
 4A ****not less than 800,000 nor more than 850,000**** according to
 5 the 1980 federal census, two attorneys-at-law to be judges of the
 6 juvenile and domestic relations court of the county. They shall
 7 devote their entire time to their judicial duties, shall not engage in
 8 the practice of law and shall be paid a salary as provided by law.***

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

3 4. a. The family court shall consist of [35] * [37] * ** [43] **
 4 *** [48] *** ** [51] *** ** 56 *** judges. Each judge
 4A 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]*** **6***
10	Burlington	1
11	Camden	*[2]* *4*
11A	*Cumberland	1*
12	Essex	6
12A	*Gloucester	2*
13	Hudson	4
14	Mercer	1
15	Middlesex	4
16	Monmouth	**[4]** **6**
17	Morris	**[2]** **4**
18	Passaic	[2] 4
18A	**Somerset	1**
18B	*Sussex	1*
19	Union	4

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

24 d. There shall be established in each county a court intake ser-
 25 vice, which shall have among its responsibilities the screening of
 26 juvenile delinquency complaints and juvenile-family crisis referrals.
 27 The intake service shall operate in compliance with standards
 28 established by the Supreme Court, but in no instance shall the
 29 standards for personnel employed as counselors hired after the
 30 effective date of this act be less than a masters degree from an
 31 accredited institution in a mental health or social or behavioral

32 science discipline including degrees in social work, counseling,
 33 counseling psychology, mental health, counseling or education.
 34 Equivalent experience is acceptable when it consists of a minimum
 35 of an associates degree with a concentration in one of the behavioral
 36 sciences and a minimum of five years experience working with
 37 troubled youth and their families or a bachelors degree in one of
 38 the behavioral sciences and two years experience working with the
 39 troubled youth and their families. Intake personnel should also
 40 receive training in drug and alcohol abuse.

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

1 **[3. This act shall take effect immediately and section 1 shall
 2 expire on September 1, 1983.]**

1 ***[**4.]*** ***5.*** *This act shall take effect immediately*
 2 *except for section ****[3]**** ****4**** which shall take effect*
 3 *December 31, 1983. Sections 1 ****,**** ***[and 2]*** ***2 and*
 4 *3*** shall expire on December 31, 1983.***

SENATE, No. 1854

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 25, 1982

By Senators HIRKALA and GRAVES

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT concerning juvenile and domestic relations courts in certain counties, amending section 4 of 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) 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 425,000 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 court of the county. They
7 shall devote their entire time to their judicial duties, shall not
8 engage in the practice of law and shall be paid such salary as is
9 provided by law.

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

3 4. a. The family court shall consist of **[35]** 37 judges. Each
4 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	2
12	Essex	6

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13 Hudson 4
 14 Mercer 1
 15 Middlesex 4
 16 Monmouth 4
 17 Morris 2
 18 Passaic [2] 4
 19 Union 4

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

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

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

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately and section 1 shall
 2 expire on September 1, 1983.

STATEMENT

This bill provides two additional juvenile and domestic court judges to Passaic county who shall become family court judges upon the effective date of the law establishing the family court.

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1854

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 13, 1983

Senate Bill No. 1854 authorizes the appointment of two additional juvenile and domestic relations court judges in Passaic county. These judgeships will be transferred to the family court when that court becomes operational.

The Senate Judiciary Committee made amendments to conform Senate Bill No. 1854 with the provisions of recently enacted P. L. 1982, c. 185 which added juvenile and domestic relations court judgeships in Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester and Sussex counties.

The technical amendments conform this bill to P. L. 1983, c. 140 which added a juvenile and domestic relations court judgeship in Somerset county. In addition the amendments conform this bill to Senate Bill No. 3082 which authorizes two additional judges in Morris county and Assembly Bill No. 3548 which authorizes two additional judges in Monmouth county.

The amendments also change the effective date to December 31, 1983 in anticipation of the passage of Senate Bill No. 3214 and Assembly Bill No. 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
SENATE, No. 1854

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 7, 1983

Senate Bill No. 1854 (Official Copy Reprint) provides for the appointment of two additional judges of the juvenile and domestic relations court in Passaic county.

These judgeships will be merged into the family court system along with the existing 41 juvenile and domestic relations judgeships effective September 1, 1983, at which time they will become family court judges.

FISCAL IMPACT

Salaries of the judges of juvenile and domestic relations courts are now paid by the several counties and will continue to be paid until January 1, 1984, at which time the State and counties will equally share the costs.

Beginning January 1, 1985, the State will assume the entire salary costs of family court judges.

A fiscal note is not yet available on this measure. However, the present salary and salary related costs of a judge is currently approximately \$104,000.00. Based on that number, the estimated State costs for these two judgeships would be:

FY 1983-84	\$52,000.00
FY 1984-85	156,000.00
FY 1985-86	208,000.00

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1854

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 13, 1982

Senate Bill No. 1854 authorizes the appointment of two additional juvenile and domestic relations court judges in Passaic county. These judgeships would be transferred to the family court when that court becomes operational on September 1, 1983.

The committee amendments conform Senate Bill No. 1854 with the provisions of recently enacted P. L. 1982, c. 185 which added juvenile and domestic relations court judgeship in Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester and Sussex counties.

ADOPTED

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Senate Bill No. 1854 (OCR) (PR)

Proposed by Assemblyman Visotcky
 (6/20/83)
 7/11/83

4-end:

Page	Sec.	Line
2	4	4

~~Omit "51" insert "50"~~

(See page 1 of attached amendments from 6/20/83)

1	Title	1	Omit "courts" insert "court judges and family court judges"
1	Title	2	Omit "section 4 of"
1	2	9	Omit "such" insert "a"
2	3	4	Omit "less than \$50,000 and more than \$100,000" insert "not less than \$800,000 nor more than \$850,000"
2	4	4	Omit "51" insert "50"
3	5	2	Omit "3" insert "4"
3	5	3	After "1" insert "2"

Statement
 These amendments make several technical corrections and also conform the bill to ACS of A 3528 and A 3542.

Printer's Note
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Strike out the second pair of lines 4 & 4A as indicated

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7/11/83

FISCAL NOTE TO
SENATE, No. 1854

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 4, 1983

Senate Bill No. 1854 OCR, of 1982, would provide for two additional Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Judgeships in Passaic county by amending Section 4, Chapter 78, Public Laws of 1982. The judges would become Family Court Judges effective September 1, 1983 pursuant to the aforementioned chapter law.

The Administrative Office of the courts estimates the costs of salaries for the two additional judges as follows:

	FY83	FY84	FY85	FY86+
County Costs—				
Salaries	100%	\$35,000	\$35,000	
Fringe Benefits	(Dependent on	13,854	13,854	0%
F. I. C. A.	date of	1,196	1,196	
	Appointment)			
Total	100%	\$50,050	\$50,050	0%
State Costs—				
Salaries	0%	\$35,000	\$70,000	
Fringe Benefits		13,854	27,708	100%
F. I. C. A.		1,196	2,392	
Total	0%	\$50,050	\$100,100	\$200,200

If the appointments are made after the effective date of September 1, 1983 the costs are formulated on a five-year basis for two additional judges.

	FY84	FY85	FY86	FY87	FY88
County Total	\$75,075	\$125,125	\$ 75,075	\$ 24,025	0%
State Total	\$25,025	\$ 75,075	\$125,125	\$175,175	100%

The formulas were based on c. 78, P. L. 82. Not included are any possible salary increases, F. I. C. A. increases in base or percentage, nor county operational costs which will vary among counties. State costs are limited to salary categories.

The Office of Legislative Services concurs.

In compliance with written request received, there is hereby submitted a fiscal estimate for the above bill, pursuant to P. L. 1980, c. 67.

BILL SIGNINGS

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1983

S-1854, sponsored by State Senator Joseph Hirkala, D-Passaic, which authorizes two additional judges of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court for Bergen County. The bill raises the number of such judges in the county from four to six.

S-3253, sponsored by State Senator James R. Hurley, R-Cumberland, which authorizes the appointment of a Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Judge in Cape May County, where none currently exists.

A-1353, sponsored by Assemblyman William E. Flynn, D-Middlesex, which eliminates statutory language establishing a 6 percent ceiling on the interest rate imposed on bonds issued by fire districts and simplifies the procedure governing issuance of fire district bonds.

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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, Nos. 3528 and 3542

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED JUNE 23, 1983

Sponsored by Assemblymen FELICE and KERN

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) 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 fifth class having a
4 population greater than 500,000 according to the 1980 federal
5 census, two attorneys-at-law to be judges of the juvenile and do-
6 mestic relations court of the county. They shall devote their entire
7 time to their judicial duties, shall not engage in the practice of law
8 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 a salary as is provided
9 by law.

1 3. (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

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is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter printed in italics *thus* is new matter.

3 Senate, shall appoint in each county of the first class having a
 4 population of not less than 800,000 nor more than 850,000 according
 5 to the 1980 federal census, two attorneys-at-law to be judges of the
 6 juvenile and domestic relations court of the county. They shall
 7 devote their entire time to their judicial duties, shall not engage
 8 in the practice of law and shall be paid a salary as provided by law.

1 4. 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 **[42]** 50 judges. Each
 4 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] 6
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	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 ser-
 29 vice, which shall have among its responsibilities the screening of
 30 juvenile delinquency complaints and juvenile-family crisis refer-
 31 rals. 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 science 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 be-
40 havioral sciences and a minimum of five years experience working
41 with troubled youth and their families or a bachelors degree in
42 one of the behavioral sciences and two years experience working
43 with the troubled youth and their families. Intake personnel
44 should also 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 5. This act shall take effect immediately except for section 4
2 which shall take effect December 31, 1983. Sections 1, 2 and 3 shall
3 expire on December 31, 1983.

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, Nos. 3528 and 3542

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 23, 1983

Assembly Bill No. 3528 authorizes the appointment of two additional juvenile and domestic relations court judges in Bergen county. These judgeships will be transferred to the family court when that court becomes operational.

The amendments conform the bill to P. L. 1983, c. 140 which added a juvenile and domestic relations court judgeship in Somerset county. In addition, the amendments conform this bill to Senate Bill No. 1854 which authorizes two additional judges in Passaic county, Assembly No. 3548 which authorizes two additional judges in Monmouth county and Senate Bill No. 3082 which authorizes the appointment of two additional juvenile and domestic relations court judges in Morris county.

The amendments also add December 31, 1983 as the expiration date of sections 1, 2, and 3 of the bill in anticipation of the passage of Senate Bill No. 3214 and Assembly Bill No. 3284, the bills that delay the implementation of the New Juvenile Justice Code and the establishment of the family court.
