

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 2A:4A-3 (Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court - Cape May - additional judge)

LAWS OF: 1983

CHAPTER: 380

Bill No: S3253

Sponsor(s): Hurley and Dorsey

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Committee:

Assembly: -----

Senate: Judiciary

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Yes

Admendments during passage denoted by asterisks

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Senate: June 30, 1983

Date of Approval: November 10, 1983

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement:

Yes (Below)

Committee statement:

Assembly

No

Senate

Yes

Fiscal Note:

No

Veto Message:

No

Message on Signing:

~~No~~ yes

Following were printed:

Reports:

No

Hearings:

No

Sponsors' statement:

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SENATE, No. 3253

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 25, 1983

By Senators HURLEY and DORSEY

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 sixth class an
3 attorney-at-law to be the judge of the juvenile and domestic rela-
4 tions court of the county. He shall devote his entire time to his
5 judicial duties, shall not engage in the practice of law and shall be
6 paid a salary as provided by law.

1 2. 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]** ***[42]*** ***43*** 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	<i>Cape May</i>	1
13	Cumberland	1
14	Essex	6
15	Gloucester	2

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 June 20, 1983.

16	Hudson	4
17	Mercer	1
18	Middlesex	4
19	Monmouth	4
20	Morris	2
21	Passaic	2
21A	*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 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 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 on an associates degree with a concentration in one of the behavioral
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1 3. This act shall take effect immediately except for section 2
 2 which shall take effect ***[September 1, 1983]*** *December 1, 1983*.
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SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3253

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 20, 1983

This bill would authorize the appointment of a juvenile and domestic relationship court judge in Cape May county. This judgeship would be transferred either to the county family court when that court comes into existence or to the Superior Court if the proposed constitutional amendment merging the courts is adopted in November.

With regard to the committee amendments, legislation is presently pending which would delay implementation of the juvenile justice package from September 1, 1983 until December 31, 1983. As the effective date of Senate Bill No. 3253 contemplated the juvenile justice legislation taking effect on September 1, the amendments change Assembly Bill No. 3253 to reflect a December 31 effective date.

The amendments also make the technical changes to Senate Bill No. 3253 necessary to reflect recently enacted P. L. 1983, c. 140 which authorized the appointment of a juvenile and domestic relations court judge in Somerset county.

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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