

2A:4-3a to 2A:4-3e et al

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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(Family Court--establish;
abolish juvenile and domestic
relations and county district
courts)

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Sponsor(s): Herman

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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, No. 596

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED DECEMBER 8, 1983

Sponsored by Assemblyman Herman

AN ACT to abolish the juvenile and domestic relations courts or family court and county district courts, authorizing establishment of a family part in the Superior Court, transferring the judges of the former courts to the Superior Court, amending N. J. S. 2A:2-1 and repealing P. L. 1982, c. 78.

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

1 1. (New section) The juvenile and domestic relations courts or
2 family court and county district courts are abolished, except as
3 specified by sections 6 and 7 of this act.

1 2. (New section) All judges authorized to sit in the juvenile and
2 domestic relations courts or family court and the county district
3 courts as of the effective date of this act shall be transferred to
4 and become judges of the Superior Court. All the functions, powers,
5 and duties conferred by statute or otherwise upon the judges of
6 these courts shall be transferred to and may be exercised by judges
7 of the Superior Court.

1 3. (New section) The jurisdiction, functions, powers and duties of
2 the county district courts and juvenile and domestic relations courts
3 or family court and the causes pending therein, and their files, shall
4 be transferred to the Superior Court except as specified by sections
5 6 and 7 of this act.

1 4. (New section) Whenever any reference is made in any statute
2 to the juvenile and domestic relations court or family court or
3 county district court, or a judge thereof, it shall be given effect as
4 though the reference were to the Superior Court or a judge thereof,
5 except that whenever any statute confers authority upon a juvenile
6 and domestic relations court, or family court, or county district

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.

7 court, or a judge thereof, to make any appointment or to fill any
8 public position, office, or other public place, it shall be given effect as
9 though the reference were to the assignment judge of the Superior
10 Court assigned to that county. The assignment judge may delegate
11 such authority as provided by court rule.

1 5. (New section) a. Jurisdiction of the family part of the Superior
2 Court shall include but not be limited to all cases formerly heard
3 by the juvenile and domestic relations courts. In those cases within
4 the jurisdiction of the family part where it is charged that a
5 juvenile has committed an act of delinquency or in all matters
6 relating to juvenile-family in crisis cases, as defined by section 3
7 of P. L. 1982, c. 77 (C. 2A:4A-22).

8 b. There shall be established in each county a court intake ser-
9 vice, which shall have among its responsibilities the screening of
10 juvenile delinquency complaints and juvenile-family crisis referrals.
11 The intake service shall operate in compliance with standards
12 established by the Supreme Court, but in no instance shall the
13 standards for personnel employed as counselors hired after the
14 effective date of this act be less than a master's degree from an
15 accredited institution in a mental health or social or behavioral
16 science discipline including degrees in social work, counseling,
17 counseling psychology, mental health, counseling or education.
18 Equivalent experience is acceptable when it consists of a minimum
19 of an associate's degree with a concentration in one of the behavioral
20 sciences and a minimum of five years' experience working with
21 troubled youth and their families or a bachelor's degree in one of
22 the behavioral sciences and two years' experience working with the
23 troubled youth and their families. Intake personnel should also
24 receive training in drug and alcohol abuse.

1 6. (New section) The following statutes for the juvenile and
2 domestic relations courts shall remain in effect until otherwise
3 provided by law: N. J. S. 2A:4-10 as to appointment and salaries
4 of clerks and other necessary employees authorized by the govern-
5 ing body of the county; N. J. S. 2A:4-11 as to probation officers of
6 the court; and N. J. S. 2A:4-41 as to expenses, provided that
7 references to the statutes in this section shall be given effect in
8 accordance with section 4 of this act. All actions formally
9 cognizable in the juvenile and domestic relations court shall be
10 deemed to be Superior Court actions, however, there shall be no
11 filing fee imposed in these actions.

1 7. (New section) The following statutes for the county district
2 courts shall remain in effect until otherwise provided by law:

3 N. J. S. 2A:6-23 as to appointment of clerical assistants for the
 4 clerk of the court; N. J. S. 2A:6-25 as to appointment of sergeants-
 5 at-arms; N. J. S. 2A:6-15 as to ministerial officers of courts; N. J. S.
 6 2A:6-16 as to clerks and deputy clerks; N. J. S. 2A:6-26 as to
 7 salary or compensation of clerks, deputy clerks, clerical assistants,
 8 and personnel other than judges; N. J. S. 2A:6-29 as to fees to
 9 sergeants-at-arms; N. J. S. 2A:6-31 as to suitable quarters, fur-
 10 nishings, and equipment for the court; N. J. S. 2A:6-37 as to
 11 concurrent criminal jurisdiction with the municipal courts; N. J. S.
 12 2A:6-39 as to fines and penalties for violations of municipal ordi-
 13 nances; N. J. S. 2A:18-5 as to service of process; N. J. S. 22A:2-37
 14 as to fees collected by the clerk of the court; N. J. S. 2A:18-65 as to
 15 fees in small claims matters; and N. J. S. 22A:2-38 as to fees paid
 16 to constables or sergeants-at-arms, N. J. S. 22A:2-42 as to
 17 attorney's or counsel's fees, except that references to the foregoing
 18 statutes in this section shall be given effect in accordance with sec-
 19 tion 4 of this act, and references in these statutes to "county district
 20 court" shall be given effect as though reference were to "actions
 21 for amounts in dispute of less than \$5,000.00 exclusive of costs, or
 22 actions for summary dispossession." Nothing in this act shall change
 23 the execution and effect of judgments, and payment therefor, where
 24 the amount in controversy is less than \$5,000.00 exclusive of costs,
 25 or where the action is a summary proceeding for recovery of
 26 premises. All fees collected pursuant to N. J. S. 22A:2-37 and
 27 N. J. S. 2A:18-65 shall be payable to the county in which the action
 28 is filed.

1 8. 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 **[120]** 322 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 fol-*
 6 *lowing number of judges of each county who at the time of their*
 7 *appointment and reappointment were residents of that county:*

8	<i>Atlantic</i>	<i>6</i>
9	<i>Bergen</i>	<i>24</i>
10	<i>Burlington</i>	<i>5</i>
11	<i>Camden</i>	<i>14</i>
12	<i>Cape May</i>	<i>3</i>
13	<i>Cumberland</i>	<i>5</i>
14	<i>Essex</i>	<i>26</i>
15	<i>Gloucester</i>	<i>8</i>
16	<i>Hudson</i>	<i>14</i>

17	<i>Hunterdon</i>	2
18	<i>Mercer</i>	8
19	<i>Middlesex</i>	16
20	<i>Monmouth</i>	12
21	<i>Morris</i>	11
22	<i>Ocean</i>	8
23	<i>Passaic</i>	14
24	<i>Salem</i>	2
25	<i>Somerset</i>	5
26	<i>Sussex</i>	3
27	<i>Union</i>	14
28	<i>Warren</i>	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 9. (New section) Each nomination to the Superior Court after
2 the effective date of this act shall specifically indicate the name
3 of the former judge whose vacancy the nomination is filling and
4 if the judgeship must be filled by a resident of a specific county.

1 10. (New section) No more than 10 days after the enactment of
2 this act, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide the
3 Legislature with a list of the names of those Superior Court judges
4 fulfilling the county residency and assignment requirements set
5 forth in N. J. S. 2A:2-1b. Thereafter, the Administrative Office of
6 the Courts shall notify the Legislature as vacancies occur.

1 11. (New section) a. Each county shall be responsible for 50%
2 of the cost of the salary of the judges of the juvenile and domestic
3 relations courts or family court and county district courts trans-
4 ferred pursuant to this act until December 31, 1984.

5 b. In any county where the required number of judges set forth
6 in N. J. S. 2A:2-1.b is increased after December 31, 1983 and the
7 number of judges assigned to the Superior Court to that county is
8 thereby increased, the county shall be responsible for funding 100%
9 of the cost of any such position in the first year following the date of
10 increase; 75% in the second year; 50% in the third year; 25% in
11 the fourth year; and in the fifth year, the State shall be responsible
12 for the entire cost.

1 12. P. L. 1982, c. 78 (C. 2A:4-3.1 et al.) is repealed.

1 13. This act shall take effect December 31, 1983.

STATEMENT

This bill is enabling legislation which would statutorily accomplish the objectives of the constitutional amendment adopted in November creating a unified court system and a family part of the Superior Court. More specifically, it provides for a unified court system in New Jersey by abolishing the county district courts and the juvenile domestic relations courts and transferring the jurisdiction of these courts to the Superior Court. In addition, this bill creates a family part of the Superior Court which would have jurisdiction over all family and juvenile related legal matters.

The following is a section by section description of the provisions of this bill:

Section 1

Section 1 abolishes the county district courts and the juvenile and domestic relations courts or family court.

Section 2

Section 2 provides that all judges authorized to sit in those courts would be transferred and become judges of the Superior Court.

Section 3

Section 3 states that the Superior Court shall have jurisdiction over all matters formerly heard by the county district courts and juvenile and domestic relations courts or family court.

Section 4

Section 4 states that any reference in any statute to the juvenile and domestic relations courts or county district courts or family courts shall be read as a reference to the Superior Court. Any authority of a county district or juvenile and domestic relations court or family court judge to make any appointment or fill any position is conferred upon the assignment judge for that county.

Section 5

Section 5 establishes that the jurisdiction of the family court shall include but need not be limited to all cases formerly heard by the juvenile and domestic relations courts. The jurisdiction of the court in those cases shall extend over the juvenile, his parents or guardian or a family member found to be contributing to a family juvenile crisis case.

Section 5 also establishes in each county a court intake service which shall have responsibility for the screening of delinquency complaints and juvenile-family crisis referrals.

Section 6

Section 6 keeps in effect certain statutes relating to employees of the juvenile and domestic relations court.

With regard to the juvenile and domestic relations courts, it is the intent of this act that—until otherwise provided by law and except for judges' salaries and fringe benefit costs—funding and financing of administrative, clerical, and legal staff, and funding and financing of courtrooms, chambers, office supplies, and other overhead expenses shall remain in effect as if this act, except for section 4, had never taken effect.

In order to continue the present policy that filing fees are not imposed on actions brought in the juvenile and domestic relations court, section 6 also provides that even though these actions are now brought in the Superior Court, no filing fee will be charged.

Section 7

Section 7 keeps in effect certain statutes relating to employees of the county district courts. Section 7 also provides that civil actions formerly heard by the county district courts will be subject to the same procedure.

With regard to the county district courts, it is the intent of this act that—until otherwise provided by law and except for judges' salaries and fringe benefit costs—funding and financing of administrative, clerical, and legal staff, and funding and financing of courtrooms, chambers, office supplies, and other overhead expenses; collection and payment of all fines, fees, costs, penalties, and forfeitures; service of process and payment therefor; and the execution and effect of judgments and payment therefor shall remain in effect as if this act, except for section 4, had never taken effect.

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Section 8

Section 8 fixes the number of authorized Superior Court judgeships at 322. This figure includes 116 former county court judgeships; 35 former county district court judgeships; 51 former juvenile and domestic relations court judgeships plus 120 Superior Court judgeships existing prior to the merger of the county courts.

In order to both ensure geographic distribution with regard to appointment and assignment of Superior Court judges, Section 8 also mandates certain residency requirements. These requirements stress the legitimate right of the counties to preserve representation on the Superior Court while recognizing the Supreme Court's need for flexibility in the assignment of judges. The following chart indicates the number of resident judgeships each county is entitled to (reached at by adding the number of county courts,

county district courts and juvenile and domestic relations judgeships previously authorized for that county) and the number of resident-judges required to sit in that county (the number of county court judgeships previously authorized).

County	Residents	Residents-Sitting
Atlantic	6	4
Bergen	24	12
Burlington	5	4
Camden	14	8
Cape May	3	2
Cumberland	5	4
Essex	26	14
Gloucester	8	6
Hudson	14	6
Hunterdon	2	2
Mercer	8	6
Middlesex	16	8
Monmouth	12	4
Morris	11	6
Ocean	8	8
Passaic	14	6
Salem	2	2
Somerset	5	4
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Warren	2	2

Sections 9 and 10

In order to ensure that the residency requirements set forth in section 8 are being met, section 9 requires that each nomination to the Superior Court made after the effective date of this act specifically indicate the name of the former judge whose vacancy the nomination is filling and if the judgeship must be filled by a resident of a specific county. Also, for this purpose, Section 10 requires no more than 10 days after the enactment of this act, that the Administrative Office of the Courts provide the Legislature with a list of the names of those Superior Court judges fulfilling the county residency and assignment requirements. Thereafter, the AOC is required to notify the Legislature of future vacancies.

Section 11

Section 11 requires the counties to bear 50% of the cost of funding the former county district and juvenile and domestic relations court judgeships until December 31, 1984. Section 11 also provides

that if a county wishes to add a new judgeship specifically to be filled by a resident of that county, the county would be responsible for funding that judgeship on a four-year phase-in basis.

Section 12

Section 12 repeals P. L. 1982, c. 78 which would have created a county family court.

Section 13

Section 13 provides that this act shall take effect on December 31, 1983.

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STATEMENT

This bill is enabling legislation which would statutorily accomplish the objectives of the proposed constitutional amendment (now pending before the Legislature as Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 84 of 1982) creating a unified court system and family part of the Superior Court. More specifically, it provides for a unified court system in New Jersey by abolishing the county district courts and the juvenile and domestic relations courts and transferring the jurisdiction of these courts to the Superior Court. In addition, this bill creates a family part of the Superior Court which would have jurisdiction over all family and juvenile related legal matters.

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND
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STATEMENT TO
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DATED: OCTOBER 5, 1983

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* The total number of Superior Court judgeships allocated to a county is determined by adding the total of former county court, county district court and juvenile and domestic relations court judgeships assigned to the county. At least this number of Superior Court judges must be residents of the county.

** The total number of residents which must be sitting in the county is determined by the number of former county court judgeships.

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Middlesex	16	8
Monmouth	12	4
Morris	11	6
Ocean	8	8
Passaic	14	6
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Section 12 repeals P. L. 1982, c. 78, which creates a county family court.

Section 13

Section 13 provides that this act shall take effect on December 31, 1983.

As part of the committee statement attached is a chart prepared by the Administrative Office of the Courts pursuant to section 10 of the Assembly Committee Substitute.

NOTE: All counties listed reflect current assignments.

ATLANTIC COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT:	<i>Resident</i>	<i>County Court Judgeship</i>
(R) Michael R. Connor	yes	
(R) L. Anthony Gibson	yes	X
(D) Manuel H. Greenberg	yes	X
(R) Philip A. Gruccio	no	
(D) Robert Neustadter	yes	X
(D) Steven P. Perskie	yes	
(R) Gerald Weinstein	yes	X
(R) Richard J. Williams	yes	
COUNTY DISTRICT COURT:		
(R) John G. Himmelberger, Jr.	yes	

JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT:

(D) Arthur V. Guerrero yes

RESIDENT JUDGESHIPS:

Number of residents required on Superior Court*—6.

Number of residents who must sit in the county**—4.

BERGEN COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT:

	<i>Resident</i>	<i>County Court Judgeship</i>
(D) Theodore I. Botter (App. Div.)	yes	
(R) John J. Cariddi	yes	X
(D) J. Emmet Cassidy	yes	X
(D) Charles R. DiGisi	yes	X
(D) David B. Follender	yes	X
(D) Thomas L. Franklin	yes	
(D) Paul R. Huot	yes	X
(R) Sherwin D. Lester	yes	
(R) Benedict E. Lucchi	yes	X
(R) James F. Madden	yes	X
(D) Arthur Minuskin	yes	
(D) Thomas S. O'Brien (App. Div.)	yes	
(R) Kevin M. O'Halloran	yes	X
(R) James J. Petrella (App. Div.)	yes	
(D) Ralph A. Polito	yes	
(D) Sylvia B. Pressler (App. Div.)	yes	
(R) Alfred D. Schiaffo	yes	
(R) Arthur J. Simpson, Jr.	yes	
(D) Harvey Smith	yes	X
(R) Harvey R. Sorkow	yes	X
(R) Theodore W. Trautwein (App. Div.)	yes	
(R) Arthur L. Troast	yes	X
(R) Edward J. Van Tassel	yes	X
[Vacancy—1—Fred C. Galda (D)]		

COUNTY DISTRICT COURT:

(D) Peter F. Boggia	yes
(R) Donald W. deCordova	yes
(R) Frederick W. Kuechenmeister	yes
(R) William C. Meehan	yes
(D) Anthony J. Sciuto	yes
(D) Birger M. Sween	yes

JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT:

(D) Robert E. Hamer	yes
(R) Conrad W. Kraffe	yes
(D) Arthur J. Lesemann	yes
(R) James T. Murphy	yes

[Vacancies—2—new positions]

RESIDENT JUDGESHIPS:

Number of residents required on Superior Court*—24.

Number of residents who must sit in the county**—12.

BURLINGTON COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT:

	<i>Resident</i>	<i>County Court Judgeship</i>
(R) Dominick J. Ferrelli	yes	X
(D) Victor Friedman	yes	
(D) Martin L. Haines	yes	
(D) Paul R. Kramer	yes	X
(D) Cornelius P. Sullivan	yes	
(D) Anthony P. Tunney, Jr.	yes	X
(R) J. Gilbert Van Sciver, Jr.	yes	
(R) Harold B. Wells, III	yes	X

[Vacancy—1—Alexander Wood (R)]

COUNTY DISTRICT COURT:

None

JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT:

(D) Myron H. Gottlieb yes

RESIDENT JUDGESHIPS:

Number of residents required on Superior Court*—5.

Number of residents who must sit in the county**—4.

CAMDEN COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT:

	<i>Resident</i>	<i>County Court Judgeship</i>
(D) A. Donald Bigley	yes	
(R) William G. Bischoff (App. Div.)	yes	
(R) Theodore Z. Davis	yes	X
(D) Neil F. Deighan, Jr. (App. Div.)	yes	X
(R) I. V. DiMartino	yes	
(R) David G. Eynon	yes	X
(D) E. Stevenson Fluharty	yes	
(D) Richard S. Hyland	yes	

(R) Michael P. King (App. Div.)	yes	
(D) Paul A. Lowengrub	yes	
(D) Edward F. Menneti	yes	X
(R) Herman D. Michels (App. Div.)	no	
(D) Robert W. Page	yes	
(R) D. Donald Palese	yes	
(D) Rudolph J. Rossetti	yes	X
(D) Mary Ellen Talbott	yes	X
(R) H. Hurlburt Tomlin	yes	X
(R) Barry M. Weinberg	yes	X
(R) Leon A. Wingate, Jr.	yes	
(D) Judith A. Yaskin	no	

(Peter J. Coruzzi suspended pending removal proceedings.)

COUNTY DISTRICT COURT:

(D) Albert J. Scarduzio	yes
(R) Isaiah Steinberg	yes

JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT:

(R) John L. Miller	yes
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[Vacancies—3—Robert Page (D)
2 new positions]

RESIDENT JUDGESHIPS:

Number of residents required on Superior Court*—14.

Number of residents who must sit in the county**—8.

CAPE MAY COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT:

	<i>Resident</i>	<i>County Court Judgeship</i>
(R) John F. Callinan	yes	X
(D) James A. O'Neill	yes	X

[Vacancy—1—George Francis (D)]

COUNTY DISTRICT COURT:

None

JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT:

[Vacancy—1—new position]

RESIDENT JUDGESHIPS:

Number of residents required on Superior Court*—3.

Number of residents who must sit in the county**—2.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT: *Resident County Court Judgeship*

(D) Steven Z. Kleiner	yes	X
(R) Edward S. Miller	yes	X
(D) Paul R. Porreca	yes	X
(R) Isaac I. Serata	yes	X

COUNTY DISTRICT COURT:

None

JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT:

(R) George H. Stanger, Jr. yes

RESIDENT JUDGESHIPS:

Number of residents required on Superior Court*—5.

Number of residents who must sit in the county**—4.

ESSEX COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT: *Resident County Court Judgeship*

(R) Melvin P. Antell (App. Div.)	yes	
(R) Stanley G. Bedford	yes	
(D) F. Michael Caruso	yes	
(D) Frances M. Cocchia	yes	
(D) John J. Dios	yes	
(D) Julius A. Feinberg	yes	
(D) Philip M. Freedman	yes	
(D) Herbert S. Glickman	yes	
(R) William F. Harth	yes	X
(R) Harry Hazelwood, Jr.	yes	X
(D) Donald E. King	yes	X
(D) David Landau	yes	
(D) Marilyn Loftus	yes	X
(D) Harry A. Margolis	yes	
(D) Felix A. Martino	yes	X
(R) John A. Marzulli	yes	
(R) Robert A. Matthews (App. Div.)	no	
(R) Paul T. Murphy	yes	
(R) Edward F. Neagle, Jr.	yes	X
(D) Richard Newman	yes	X
(R) Michael J. O'Neil	yes	X
(D) Leonard D. Ronco	yes	X
(R) Nicholas Scalera	yes	

(R) Murray G. Simon	yes	
(D) Edward H. Stern	yes	X
(D) June Strelecki	yes	X
(R) Paul B. Thompson	yes	
(R) Charles E. Villanueva	yes	X
(D) William H. Walls	yes	X

[Vacancies—3—Alexander J. Matturri (R), Leon Milmed (R),
John Bissell (R)]

COUNTY DISTRICT COURT:

(D) David S. Baime	yes
(R) Rosemary Higgins Cass	yes
(D) Michael J. Degnan	yes
(R) Anthony J. Iuliani	yes
(D) Edmond M. Kirby	yes
(R) Bernard Rudd	yes

JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT:

(R) Yale L. Apter	yes
(D) Irvin B. Booker	yes
(D) Peter J. Cass	yes
(D) R. Benjamin Cohen	yes
(R) Kenneth R. Stein	yes

[Vacancy—1—Paul Murphy (R)]

RESIDENT JUDGESHIPS:

Number of residents required on Superior Court*—26.

Number of residents who must sit in the county**—14.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT:

	<i>Resident</i>	<i>County Court Judgeship</i>
(D) Ernest L. Alvino	yes	X
(D) Samuel G. DeSimone	yes	X
(R) Robert E. Francis	yes	X
(R) Milton L. Silver	yes	X

[Vacancies—2—Samuel Bullock (D), Paul Cunard (R)]

COUNTY DISTRICT COURT:

None

JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT:

[Vacancies—2—new positions]

RESIDENT JUDGESHIPS:

Number of residents required on Superior Court*—8.

Number of residents who must sit in the county**—6.

HUDSON COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT:	<i>Resident</i>	<i>County Court Judgeship</i>
(D) Lawrence Bilder	no	
(D) Gregory J. Castano	no	
(D) Donald S. Coburn	no	
(D) Richard F. Connors	yes	X
(D) James H. Dowden	yes	X
(R) Geoffrey Gaulkin (App. Div.)	yes	
(D) John J. Geronimo	yes	
(R) John J. Grossi, Jr.	yes	X
(R) Charles J. Harrington, Jr.	yes	X
(D) Burrell Ives Humphreys (t/a from Passaic)	no	
(D) Samuel C. Scott	yes	
(R) Robert E. Tarleton	no	
(D) James W. Taylor	no	
(D) Joseph M. Thuring	no	
(R) Raymond W. Young	yes	X
[Vacancy—1—Edward Hamill (D)]		X

COUNTY DISTRICT COURT:

(R) Eugene P. Kenny	yes
(D) John A. McLaughlin	yes
(D) Joseph T. Ryan	yes
(R) Stephen J. Schaeffer	yes

JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT:

(D) Robert F. Cavanaugh	yes
(R) J. Leonard Hornstein	yes
(D) Walter J. Hudzin	yes
[Vacancy—1—William Bozuffi (R)]	

RESIDENT JUDGESHIPS:

Number of residents required on Superior Court*—14.

Number of residents who must sit in the county**—6.

HUNTERDON COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT:	<i>Resident</i>	<i>County Court Judgeship</i>
(D) William M. D'Annunzio	yes	X
(R) Louis H. Miller	yes	X

COUNTY DISTRICT COURT:

None

JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT:

None

RESIDENT JUDGESHIPS:

Number of residents required on Superior Court*—2.

Number of residents who must sit in the county**—2.

MERCER COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT:

	<i>Resident</i>	<i>County Court Judgeship</i>
(R) Richahd J. S. Barlow, Jr.	yes	X
(D) Thomas DeMartin	yes	
(D) H. Jonathan Fox	yes	
(R) Samuel D. Lenox, Jr.	yes	
(D) Paul Gans Levy	yes	X
(D) Virginia Long	no	
(R) A. Jerome Moore	yes	
(R) Hervey S. Moore	yes	X
(D) J. Wilson Noden	yes	X
(R) Daniel A. O'Donnell	yes	X
(D) Theodore T. Tams	yes	X

COUNTY DISTRICT COURT:

(D) Coleman T. Brennan yes

JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT:

(D) David J. Schroth yes

RESIDENT JUDGESHIPS:

Number of residents required on Superior Court*—8.

Number of residents who must sit in the county**—6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT:

	<i>Resident</i>	<i>County Court Judgeship</i>
(R) Theodore Appleby	yes	
(D) John Bachman (t/a App. Div.)	yes	
(D) Joseph F. Bradshaw	yes	X
(R) Herman L. Breitkopf	yes	
(R) Richard S. Cohen	yes	X
(R) Erminie L. Conley	no	
(D) Joseph Deegan, Jr.	yes	
(D) David D. Furman (App. Div.)	no	
(R) Morton I. Greenberg (App. Div.)	no	

(D) C. Judson Hamlin	yes	X
(D) J. Norris Harding	yes	X
(D) John E. Keefe	yes	
(R) Robert A. Longhi	yes	X
(R) George J. Nicola	yes	
(R) Robert T. Quackenboss	yes	X
(D) Rosemary Karcher Reavey	yes	
(D) Joseph E. Sadofski	no	
(D) Edward J. Seaman	yes	X
(D) Stephen Skillman	no	
(R) C. John Stroumtsos	yes	
[Vacancy—1—Alan Rockoff (R)]		X

COUNTY DISTRICT COURT:

(D) Barnett E. Hoffman	yes	
(R) Martin E. Kravarik	yes	
(R) John S. Kuhlthau	yes	
(D) Richard S. Rebeck	yes	

JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT:

(R) Mark B. Epstein	yes	
(D) Robert P. Figarotta	yes	
(R) Robert L. Garrenger, Jr.	yes	
(D) Lawrence Lerner	yes	

RESIDENT JUDGESHIPS:

Number of residents required on Superior Court*—16.

Number of residents who must sit in the county**—8.

MONMOUTH COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT:

	<i>Resident</i>	<i>County Court Judgeship</i>
(R) John P. Arnone	yes	
(R) Julia L. Ashbey	yes	X
(R) James M. Coleman, Jr.	yes	
(D) Donald J. Cunningham	yes	
(R) Burton L. Funder	yes	X
(D) Patrick J. McGann, Jr.	yes	
(D) Benedict R. Nicosia	yes	X
(R) Marshall Selikoff	yes	
(R) Thomas F. Shebell		
(t/a App. Div.)	yes	
(R) Peter W. Thomas	yes	
(D) William T. Wichmann	yes	X
(D) Thomas L. Yaccarino	yes	

COUNTY DISTRICT COURT:

(D) Walter H. Gehricke yes
 (R) James A. Kennedy yes

JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT:

(D) Alvin Y. Milberg yes
 (D) Florence R. Peskoe yes
 (R) John A. Ricciardi yes
 (R) Laurence C. Stamelman yes
 [Vacancies—2—new positions]

RESIDENT JUDGESHIPS:

Number of residents required on Superior Court*—12.

Number of residents who must sit in the county**—4.

MORRIS COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT:

	<i>Resident</i>	<i>County Court Judgeship</i>
(R) Rocco L. D'Ambrosio	yes	
(D) Charles M. Egan, Jr.	yes	X
(R) John W. Fritz (App. Div.)	no	
(R) Jacques H. Gascoyne	yes	X
(R) George P. Helfrich	yes	X
(R) Kenneth C. MacKenzie	yes	X
(D) William T. McElroy (App. Div.)	yes	
(R) Robert Muir, Jr.	yes	
(D) Robert C. Shelton, Jr.	no	
(D) Reginald Stanton	yes	X
(D) Arnold M. Stein	yes	X
[Vacancy—1—Bertram Polow (D)]		

COUNTY DISTRICT COURT:

(D) Paul Bangiola yes

JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT:

(D) Daniel R. Coburn yes
 (R) Donald G. Collester, Jr. yes
 [Vacancies—2—new positions]

RESIDENT JUDGESHIPS:

Number of residents required on Superior Court*—11.

Number of residents who must sit in the county**—6.

OCEAN COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT:	<i>Resident</i>	<i>County Court Judgeship</i>
(R) Mark Addison	yes	X
(D) Arthur J. Blake	no	
(D) Donald F. Campbell	yes	X
(D) Robert H. Doherty, Jr.	yes	X
(R) James M. Havey	yes	X
(D) William H. Huber	yes	
(D) Harold Kaplan	yes	X
(D) William J. Kearney	yes	X
(R) Eugene D. Serpentelli	yes	X
(R) Henry H. Wiley	yes	X
[Vacancy—1—Edward Costigan (R)]		

COUNTY DISTRICT COURT:

None

JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT:

None

RESIDENT JUDGESHIPS:

Number of residents required on Superior Court*—8.

Number of residents who must sit in the county**—8.

PASSAIC COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT:	<i>Resident</i>	<i>County Court Judgeship</i>
(D) Herbert S. Alterman	yes	
(R) Peter Ciolino	yes	
(D) Joseph N. Donatelli	yes	
(D) Arthur C. Dwyer	yes	
(D) Charles S. Joelson (App. Div.)	no	
(R) Bruno L. Leopizzi	yes	X
(D) Nicholas G. Mandak	yes	X
(D) William J. Marchese	yes	X
(R) Ralph V. Martin	yes	
(R) Harold M. Nitto	yes	X
(R) Thomas R. Rumana	yes	
(D) Joseph J. Salerno	yes	
(R) Amos C. Saunders	yes	X
(R) Joseph F. Scancarella	yes	
(D) Herbert Susser	yes	X

COUNTY DISTRICT COURT:

(R) Joseph L. Conn	yes
(R) Frank M. Donato	yes
(D) Vincent E. Hull, Jr.	yes
(D) Sidney Reiss (t/a to Essex)	yes

JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT:

(R) Carmen A. Ferrante	yes
(D) Adolph A. Romei	yes

[Vacancies—2—new positions]

RESIDENT JUDGESHIPS:

Number of residents required on Superior Court*—14.

Number of residents who must sit in the county**—6.

SALEM COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT:

	<i>Resident</i>	<i>County Court Judgeship</i>
(R) George Farrell, III	yes	X
(D) Norman Telsey	yes	X

COUNTY DISTRICT COURT:

None

JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT:

None

RESIDENT JUDGESHIPS:

Number of residents required on Superior Court*—2.

Number of residents who must sit in the county**—2.

SOMERSET COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT:

	<i>Resident</i>	<i>County Court Judgeship</i>
(R) Wilfred P. Diana	yes	
(R) Robert E. Gaynor	yes	X
(D) Michael R. Imbriani	yes	X
(D) B. Thomas Leahy	yes	X
(R) David G. Lucas	yes	X
(D) Arthur S. Meredith	no	

COUNTY DISTRICT COURT:

None

JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT:

[Vacancies—1—new position]

RESIDENT JUDGESHIPS:

Number of residents required on Superior Court*—5.

Number of residents who must sit in the county**—4.

SUSSEX COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT:	<i>Resident</i>	<i>County Court Judgeship</i>
(D) N. Peter Conforti	yes	X
(R) Frederic G. Weber	yes	X

COUNTY DISTRICT COURT:

None

JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT:

(R) Ronald B. Graves yes

RESIDENT JUDGESHIPS:

Number of residents required on Superior Court*—3.

Number of residents who must sit in the county**—2.

UNION COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT:	<i>Resident</i>	<i>County Court Judgeship</i>
(D) John L. Ard (App. Div.)	yes	
(R) Edward G. Beglin, Jr.	yes	
(R) Warren Brody (App. Div.)	yes	X
(D) James H. Coleman, Jr. (App. Div.)	yes	X
(R) Cuddie E. Davidson, Jr.	yes	
(R) William Dreier (App. Div.)	no	X
(R) Bryant W. Griffin	yes	
(R) Harvey Halberstadter	yes	X
(R) Frederick C. Kentz, Jr.	no	
(D) William J. McCloud	yes	
(D) Edward W. McGrath	yes	
(R) A. Donald McKenzie	yes	
(R) Richard P. Muscatello	yes	X
(D) Edward J. Toy	yes	
(D) Lawrence Weiss	yes	
[Vacancies—2—Joseph G. Barbieri (D) V. William DiBuono (D)]		X

COUNTY DISTRICT COURT:

(D) John J. Callahan yes

(D) Alexander J. Menza yes

(R) Alfred M. Wolin yes

[Vacancy—1—Harvey Halberstadter (R)]

FISCAL NOTE TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 596

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: AUGUST 31, 1982

Assembly Bill No. 596, of 1982, would provide for a unified court system by abolishing the county district courts, and the juvenile and domestic relations courts, and transferring the jurisdiction of these courts to the State Superior Court. In addition, this bill would create a family part of the Superior Court which would have jurisdiction over all family and juvenile related legal matters.

Both the Judiciary and the Executive's Bureau of the Budget responded with cost figures. However, since the subsequent passage of A-642 (now P. L. 1982, c. 78), which has a direct bearing on this bill, the cost figures have necessarily changed and are reflected below.

ADDITIONAL STATE COSTS

FY 1984	\$4,232,841.00
FY 1985	\$4,980,325.00
FY 1986	\$4,067,700.00

The above figures are based on present Judge's salaries and fringe benefits. As the State assumes the added costs, there is a similar decrease in combined county costs.

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