

2A:2-1 and 2A:2-1.7

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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(Juvenile and Domestic
Relations Court - add-
itional judges)

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CHAPTER: 498

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Sponsor(s): Gormley

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Sponsor's statement:

This bill would authorize the appointment of an additional juvenile and domestic relations court judge in Atlantic County. This judgeship would be transferred to the family court on September 1, 1983.

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SENATE, No. 3195

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 30, 1983

By Senator GORMLEY

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT concerning ***[juvenile and domestic relations court judges and family court]*** judges ***of the Superior Court*** in certain counties, amending ***[P. L. 1982, c. 78, and supplementing chapter 4 of Title 2A of the New Jersey Statutes]*** ***N. J. S. 2A:2-1 and P. L. 1983, c. 405***.

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 of less than 200,000, according to the 1980 federal census,
5 an attorney-at-law to be a judge of the juvenile and domestic re-
6 lations court. He shall devote his entire time to his judicial duties,
7 shall not engage in the practice of law and shall be paid a salary
8 as 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 *[[41] 42]* *[42]
4 **[43]** **52** judges. Each judge shall receive such annual
4A 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] 2
9 Bergen	**[4]** **6**
10 Burlington	1

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 May 23, 1983.

**—Senate amendments adopted September 15, 1983.

***—Assembly committee amendments adopted January 5, 1984.

11	Camden	4
11A	**Cape May	1**
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**
20A	*Somerset	1*
21	Sussex	1
22	Union	4

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

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

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

1 ***1. N. J. S. 24:2-1 is amended to read as follows:

2 2A:2-1. a. The Superior Court shall consist of not less than
 3 **[322] 323 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	Atlantic	[6] ⁷
9	Bergen	24
10	Burlington	5
11	Camden	14
12	Cape May	3
13	Cumberland	5
14	Essex	26
15	Gloucester	8
16	Hudson	14
17	Hunterdon	2
18	Mercer	8
19	Middlesex	16
20	Monmouth	12
21	Morris	11
22	Ocean	8
23	Passaic	14
24	Salem	2
25	Somerset	5
26	Sussex	3
27	Union	14
28	Warren	2

29 (2) Additionally, a number of those judges of the Superior
30 Court satisfying the residency requirements set forth above equal
31 to the number of judges of the county court authorized in each of
32 the counties on December 6, 1978 shall at all times sit in the county
33 in which they reside.

34 2. Section 11 of P. L. 1983, c. 405 (C. 2A:2-1.3) is amended to
35 read as follows:

36 11. a. Each county shall be responsible for 50% of the cost of
37 the salary of the judges of the juvenile and domestic relations
38 courts or family court and county district courts transferred pur-
39 suant to this act until December 31, 1984.

40 b. In any county where the required number of judges set forth
41 in N. J. S. 2A:2-1.b is increased after **[December 31, 1983]** *January*
42 *17, 1984* and the number of judges assigned to the Superior Court
43 to that county is thereby increased, the county shall be responsible
44 for funding 100% of the cost of **[any such position]** *the salary of*
45 *any judge who has been assigned* in the first year following the
46 date of increase; 75% in the second year; 50% in the third year;
47 25% in the fourth year; and in the fifth year, the State shall be

48 responsible for the entire cost of ~~the~~ salary of ~~any~~ judge so
49 assigned.

50 c. In any county where the required number of judges set forth
51 in N. J. S. 2A:2-1.b is increased after December 31, 1983 but
52 before January 18, 1984 and the number of judges assigned to the
53 Superior Court to that county is thereby increased, the county shall
54 be responsible for funding 50% of the cost of the salary of any
55 judge so assigned until December 31, 1984.***

1 ***[3. Section 1 of this act shall take effect immediately and shall
2 expire on *~~September 1, 1983~~* *December 31, 1983* and section
3 2 shall take effect on *~~September 1, 1983~~* *December 31,
4 1983*.]***

1 ***3. This act shall take effect immediately.***

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 3195

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 5, 1984

These amendments conform the bill to the law which created a unified court system and a family part of the Superior Court. The amendments add one judge to Atlantic county and provide that the increase made by the bill, if enacted on or before January 17, 1984, would result in 50% of the salary of the judge to be paid by the county in calendar year 1984. This position, in effect, would be treated in the same manner as those judgeships added to the juvenile or family court by law after the enactment of P. L. 1982, c. 78 and before the law which implemented the recent constitutional amendment.

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SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3195

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 19, 1983

This bill would increase the number of authorized juvenile and domestic relations court judgeships in Atlantic County from one to two. This judgeship would, along with other juvenile and domestic relations court judgeships, be transferred to the county family court.

As originally drafted, Senate Bill No. 3195 contemplated September 1, 1983 as the effective date for the county family court. As legislation is presently pending delaying implementation of the county family court until December 31, 1983, the committee amended Senate Bill No. 3195 to reflect a December 31, 1983 effective date for the family court. The committee amendments also make the technical changes necessary to reflect recently enacted legislation authorizing the appointment of a juvenile and domestic relation judge in Somerset county.

SENATE REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3195

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JULY 11, 1983

This bill would increase the number of authorized juvenile and domestic relations court judgeships in Atlantic county from one to two. This judgeship would, along with other juvenile and domestic relations court judgeships, be transferred to the 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.