

2A:2-1 et al.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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Sponsors' statement:

This bill would authorize the appointment of an additional juvenile and domestic relations court judge in Ocean County.

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SENATE, No. 3697

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 26, 1983

By Senators RUSSO and CONNORS

(Without reference)

AN ACT concerning ****[juvenile and domestic relations court judges and family court]**** judges ***of the Superior Court*** in certain counties ***and the jurisdiction of the family part of the Superior Court***, 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 more than 200,000 but less than 400,000, according to
5 the 1980 federal census, an attorney-at-law to be a judge of the
6 juvenile and domestic relations court. He shall devote his entire
7 time to his judicial duties, shall not engage in the practice of law
8 and shall be 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 **[48]** ****[49]**** ***52** 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 appointment
7 and any reappointment were residents of that county:

8 Atlantic	1
9 Bergen	**[4]** <i>**6*</i>
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 amendments adopted November 28, 1983.**

****—Assembly 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	6
19	Morris	4
20	Ocean	7
21	Passaic	4
22	Somerset	1
23	Sussex	1
24	Union	4

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

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

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

1 **1. 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 **[322]** 324 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 follow-
 6 ing number of judges of each county who at the time of their
 7 appointment and reappointment were residents of that county:

8	Atlantic	6
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] 10
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 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 2. Section 5 of P. L. 1983, c. 405 (C. 2A:2-20) is amended to read
 2 as follows:

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

12 b. There shall be established in each county a court intake service,
 13 which shall have among its responsibilities the screening of juvenile
 14 delinquency complaints and juvenile-family crisis referrals. The

15 intake service shall operate in compliance with standards estab-
 16 lished by the Supreme Court, but in no instance shall the standards
 17 for personnel employed as counselors hired after the effective date
 18 of this act be less than a master's degree from an accredited institu-
 19 tion in a mental health or social or behavioral science discipline
 20 including degrees in social work, counseling, counseling psychology,
 21 mental health, counseling or education. Equivalent experience is
 22 acceptable when it consists of a minimum of an associate's degree
 23 with a concentration in one of the behavioral sciences and a mini-
 24 mum of five years' experience working with troubled youth and their
 25 families or a bachelor's degree in one of the behavioral sciences and
 26 two years' experience working with the troubled youth and their
 27 families. Intake personnel should also receive training in drug and
 28 alcohol abuse.

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

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

7 b. In any county where the required number of judges set forth
 8 in N. J. S. 2A:2-1.b is increased after **[December 31, 1983]** *January*
 9 *17, 1984* and the number of judges assigned to the Superior Court
 10 to that county is thereby increased, the county shall be responsible
 11 for funding 100% of the cost of **[any such position]** *the salary of*
 12 *any judge who has been assigned* in the first year following the date
 13 of increase; 75% in the second year; 50% in the third year; 25%
 14 in the fourth year; and in the fifth year, the State shall be respon-
 15 sible for the entire cost of *the salary of any judge so assigned*.

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

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

SENATE REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 3697

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 8, 1983

Senate Bill No. 3697 OCR provides for the appointment of a judge of the juvenile and domestic relations court in Ocean county.

This judgeship will be merged into the family court system along with the existing 51 juvenile and domestic relations judgeships effective December 31, 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 annual salary and salary related costs of a judge are currently approximately \$104,000.00.