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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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Bill No: A1296

Sponsor(s): Littell and Haytaian

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Senate: Judiciary

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The purpose of this bill is to provide a juvenile and domestic relations court judge for Sussex County.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1296

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 3, 1982

By Assemblymen LITTELL and HAYTAIAN

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* *[(now pending before the Legislature as Assembly Bill No. 642 of 1982)]* 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 third class having a
3 population of not less than 100,000 nor more than ****[125,000]****
4 ****135,000**** according to the 1980 federal census, an attorney-at-
5 law to be judge of the juvenile and domestic relations court of the
6 county. He shall devote his entire time to his judicial duties, shall
7 not engage in the practice of law and shall be paid such salary as is
8 provided by law.

1 ****2. (New section)** *The Governor, with the advice and consent of*
2 *the Senate, shall appoint in each county of the third class having a*
3 *population of not less than 135,000 nor more than 200,000, accord-*
4 *ing to the 1980 federal census, two attorneys-at-law to be judges of*
5 *the juvenile and domestic relations court of the county. They*
6 *shall devote their entire time to their judicial duties, shall not*
7 *engage in the practice of law and shall be paid such salary as pro-*
8 *vided 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:

***—Assembly amendments adopted September 20, 1982.**

****—Senate committee amendments adopted October 18, 1982.**

3 Senate, shall appoint in each county of the second class having a
 4 population of not less than 450,000 nor more than 475,000, 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 pro-
 9 vided by law.**

1 ****[2.]**** **4.** Section 4 of P. L. *1982*, c. *78* (C. *2A:4A-3*)
 2 *(now pending before the Legislature as Assembly Bill No. 642
 3 of 1982)* is amended to read as follows:

4 4. a. The family court shall consist of **[35]** **[36]** *41* judges.
 5 Each judge shall receive such annual salary as shall be fixed by law.

6 b. The family court shall consist of the following number of
 7 judges from the listed counties who at the time of their appoint-
 8 ment and any reappointment were residents of that county:

9	Atlantic	1
10	Bergen	4
11	Burlington	1
12	Camden	[2] *4*
12A	*Cumberland	1*
13	Essex	6
13A	*Gloucester	2*
14	Hudson	4
15	Mercer	1
16	Middlesex	4
17	Monmouth	4
18	Morris	2
19	Passaic	2
20	<i>Sussex</i>	1
21	Union	4

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

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

35 counseling psychology, mental health, counseling or education.
36 Equivalent experience is acceptable when it consists of a minimum
37 of an associates degree with a concentration in one of the behavioral
38 sciences and a minimum of 5 years experience working with
39 troubled youth and their families or a bachelors degree in one of
40 the behavioral sciences and 2 years experience working with the
41 troubled youth and their families. Intake personnel should also
42 receive training in drug and alcohol abuse.

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

1 **[3.]** **5.** This act shall take effect immediately *[, but
2 shall remain inoperative until Assembly Bill No. 642 of 1982, now
3 pending before the Legislature, is enacted into law]* **and sections
4 1, 2 and 3 shall expire on September 1, 1983**.

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY No. 1296

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 7, 1982

The purpose of this bill is to provide a juvenile and domestic relations court judge for Sussex county.

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY No. 1296

with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 13, 1982

As amended, this bill would add six additional juvenile and domestic relations' court judgeships: two for Camden county; two for Gloucester county; one for Cumberland county and one for Sussex county. These judgeships would be transferred to the county family court when that county becomes operational on September 1, 1983. The committee amendments were intended to clarify that the new judges authorized by this bill are to be appointed as juvenile and domestic relations court judges and that their appointments should not be delayed until the county family court becomes operational. The amendments were also intended to make the provisions of Assembly Bill No. 1296 identical to those of Senate Bill No. 1686.

FISCAL ESTIMATE TO
ASSEMBLY No. 1296

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: AUGUST 31, 1982

Assembly Bill No. 1296, of 1982, would provide a judge for the Sussex county juvenile and domestic relations court.

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

The enactment of this legislation on September 1, 1982 would increase State costs as follows:

FY 1983	\$86,918.00 (ten months)
FY 1984	\$104,300.00 (full year)

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