



ASSEMBLY, No. 2582

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman DICKEY

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT concerning the administrative office of the courts and amending N. J. S. 2A:12-1.

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

1 1. N. J. S. 2A:12-1 is amended to read as follows:

2 2A:12-1. There shall be a State office to be known as the ad-  
3 ministrative office of the courts with an administrative director  
4 appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court pursuant to  
5 Article VI, Section 7, paragraph 1, of the Constitution, as the  
6 head thereof *and a deputy administrative director also appointed*  
7 *by the Chief Justice.* The administrative director *and the deputy*  
8 *director* shall be, and shall have been for not less than 3 years  
9 immediately prior to **[his]** *their* appointment, **[a]** bona fide **[resi-**  
10 **dent]** *residents* of this State. The compensation, *duties and func-*  
11 *tions* of the director *and deputy director* shall be fixed by the  
12 Chief Justice **[at a rate not exceeding \$20,000.00 per annum]** *or*  
13 *as otherwise provided by law.* The director shall cause a seal of  
14 office to be made in such design as the Chief Justice shall approve  
15 and judicial notice shall be taken of the seal.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

The administrative office of the courts was first provided in New Jersey in 1948. Since that time, the duties and responsibilities in that office have increased considerably. However, there is no authority for the appointment of a deputy administrative director. This bill provides for the appointment of a deputy administrative director of the courts by the Chief Justice.

The bill also removes the outdated reference to compensation (\$20,000.00) which has been superseded by the recommendations of the "Vieser Commission" P. L. 1970, c. 105 (C. 2A:1A-3).

**EXPLANATION**—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.