

# LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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## *LAWS of 1999*

**CHAPTER:** 104

**NJSA:** 2B:2-1.1

(Judges -- appointment -- procedures)

**BILL NO:** S1232 (Substituted for A2841)

**SPONSOR(S):** O'Connor and Gormley

**DATE INTRODUCED:** June 25, 1998

**COMMITTEE:**

**ASSEMBLY:** Appropriations

**SENATE:** Judiciary

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** No

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**

**ASSEMBLY:** March 29, 1999

**SENATE:** January 28, 1999

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** May 10, 1999

### THE FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

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**FINAL TEXT OF BILL** Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for S1232, S447 & A1489  
(Amendments during passage denoted by superscript numbers)

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### **SS for SCS for 1232, S447, A1489**

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** *Yes* (Begins on page 3 of bill)

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**

**ASSEMBLY:** *Yes*

**SENATE:** *No*

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** *No*

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** *No*

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## SCS for 1232, S447, A1489

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** *No*

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**

**ASSEMBLY:** *No*

**SENATE:** *No*

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** *No*

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** *No*

**SCS for 1232, S447, A1489 (Final version):** *Yes*

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### S1232

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** *Yes* (Begins on page of 2 of original bill)

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**

**ASSEMBLY:** *No*

**SENATE:** *No*

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** *No*

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** *No*

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### A2841

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** *Yes* (Begins on page 3 of original bill)

Bill and Sponsor Statement identical to S447

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**

**ASSEMBLY:** *Yes*

Identical to Assembly Statement for SS for SCS for S1232, S447 and A1489

**SENATE:** *No*

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** *No*

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** *No*

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### S447

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** *Yes* (Begins on page 3 of original bill)

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**

**ASSEMBLY:** *No*

**SENATE:** *No*

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** *No*

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** *No*

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**A1489**

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** *Yes* (Begins on page 3 of original bill)  
Bill and Sponsor Statement identical to S447

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**

**ASSEMBLY:** *Yes*

**March 9, 1998**

**March 30, 1998**

**SENATE:** *No*

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** *No*

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** *Yes*

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**GOVERNOR'S ACTIONS**

**VETO MESSAGE:** *No*

**GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING:** *Yes*

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C. 2B:2-1.1  
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2B:2-1.2  
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Approp.

P.L. 1999, CHAPTER 104, *approved May 10, 1999*  
Senate Substitute for  
Senate Committee Substitute for  
Senate, Nos. 1232, 447 and Assembly, No. 1489  
(CORRECTED COPY)

1 AN ACT creating twelve additional Superior Court judgeships,  
2 amending and supplementing Title 2B of the New Jersey Statutes  
3 and making an appropriation.

4  
5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

7  
8 1. N.J.S.2B:2-1 is amended to read as follows:

9 2B:2-1. Number of Judges. a. The Superior Court shall consist  
10 of **[416]** 428 judges.

11 b. (1) The Superior Court shall at all times consist of the  
12 following number of judges, who at the time of their appointment and  
13 reappointment were resident of each county:

14	Atlantic.....	11
15	Bergen.....	27
16	Burlington.....	<b>[ 9 ]</b> <u>10</u>
17	Camden.....	<b>[15]</b> <u>16</u>
18	Cape May.....	4
19	Cumberland.....	7
20	Essex.....	34
21	Gloucester.....	<b>[9]</b> <u>10</u>
22	Hudson.....	24
23	Hunterdon.....	3
24	Mercer.....	9
25	Middlesex.....	24
26	Monmouth.....	17
27	Morris.....	15
28	Ocean.....	15
29	Passaic.....	<b>[16]</b> <u>17</u>
30	Salem.....	<b>[2]</b> <u>3</u>
31	Somerset.....	6
32	Sussex.....	4
33	Union.....	20
34	Warren.....	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.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 (2) Additionally, the following number of those judges of the  
2 Superior Court satisfying the residency requirements set forth above  
3 shall at all times sit in the county in which they reside:

4	Atlantic.....	4
5	Bergen.....	12
6	Burlington.....	4
7	Camden.....	8
8	Cape May.....	2
9	Cumberland.....	4
10	Essex.....	14
11	Gloucester.....	6
12	Hudson.....	6
13	Hunterdon.....	2
14	Mercer.....	6
15	Middlesex.....	8
16	Monmouth.....	4
17	Morris.....	6
18	Ocean.....	8
19	Passaic.....	6
20	Salem.....	2
21	Somerset.....	4
22	Sussex.....	2
23	Union.....	6
24	Warren.....	2

25 (cf: P.L.1996, c.52, s.7)

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27 2. (New section) Each nomination to the Superior Court shall  
28 specifically indicate the name of the former judge whose vacancy the  
29 nomination is filling and if the judgeship must be filled by a resident of  
30 a specific county.

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32 3. (New section) Not more than 10 days after the enactment of  
33 this act, and annually on September 1 thereafter, the Administrative  
34 Office of the Courts shall notify the Legislature of all the names of  
35 those Superior Court judges fulfilling the requirements set forth in  
36 N.J.S.2B:2-1, including notification of all those Superior Court judges  
37 serving in these positions who are sitting out of their county of  
38 residence and the county in which these Superior Court judges are  
39 sitting. Thereafter, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall notify  
40 the Legislature as vacancies occur.

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42 4. There is appropriated to the Administrative Office of the Courts  
43 from the General Fund \$3,300,000.00 for costs associated with the  
44 additional judgeships created by this act.

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46 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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This Senate floor substitute would create twelve additional Superior Court judgeships. Seven of those judgeships would be unrestricted. Of the remaining five judgeships, one each would be assigned to the following counties: Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Passaic and Salem.

The floor substitute would also require that each nomination for a Superior Court judgeship 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.

The floor substitute further requires that not more than 10 days after the enactment of this bill, and annually on September 1 of each year, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall notify the Legislature with a list of the names of those Superior Court judges fulfilling the requirements set forth in N.J.S.2B:2-1. It would also require the Administrative Office of the Court to include in that notification the names of all those Superior Court judges serving in these positions who are sitting out of their county of residence and the county in which these Superior Court judges are sitting. Thereafter, the Administrative Office of the Courts would be required to notify the Legislature whenever a vacancy in any Superior Court judgeship occurs.

In addition, the floor substitute appropriates \$3,300,000.00 to the Administrative Office of the Courts to cover the costs associated with the new judgeships.

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Creates twelve additional Superior Court judgeships; clarifies nomination procedures for Superior Court judges; appropriates \$3,300,000.00 to the AOC.

[Corrected Copy]

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE, Nos. 1232, 447 and**  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 1489**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**208th LEGISLATURE**

ADOPTED DECEMBER 17, 1998

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator EDWARD T. O'CONNOR**

**District 31 (Hudson)**

**Senator WILLIAM L. GORMLEY**

**District 2 (Atlantic)**

**Senator WILLIAM E. SCHLUTER**

**District 23 (Warren, Hunterdon and Mercer)**

**Assemblyman LEONARD LANCE**

**District 23 (Warren, Hunterdon and Mercer)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senators Girgenti, Robertson, Cafiero, Matheussen, Kenny, Bryant,  
Lynch, Zane, Adler, Kavanaugh, Assemblyman Russo and  
Assemblywoman Pou**

**SYNOPSIS**

Creates twelve additional Superior Court judgeships; clarifies nomination procedures for Superior Court judges; appropriates \$3,300,000.00 to the AOC.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Substitute as adopted by the Senate.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/30/1999)

1 AN ACT creating twelve additional Superior Court judgeships,  
 2 amending and supplementing Title 2B of the New Jersey Statutes  
 3 and making an appropriation.

4  
 5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
 6 of New Jersey:

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 8 1. N.J.S.2B:2-1 is amended to read as follows:

9 2B:2-1. Number of Judges. a. The Superior Court shall consist  
 10 of **[416]** 428 judges.

11 b. (1) The Superior Court shall at all times consist of the  
 12 following number of judges, who at the time of their appointment and  
 13 reappointment were resident of each county:

14	Atlantic.....	11
15	Bergen.....	27
16	Burlington.....	<b>[ 9]</b> <u>10</u>
17	Camden.....	<b>[15]</b> <u>16</u>
18	Cape May.....	4
19	Cumberland.....	7
20	Essex.....	34
21	Gloucester.....	<b>[9]</b> <u>10</u>
22	Hudson.....	24
23	Hunterdon.....	3
24	Mercer.....	9
25	Middlesex.....	24
26	Monmouth.....	17
27	Morris.....	15
28	Ocean.....	15
29	Passaic.....	<b>[16]</b> <u>17</u>
30	Salem.....	<b>[2]</b> <u>3</u>
31	Somerset.....	6
32	Sussex.....	4
33	Union.....	20
34	Warren.....	3

35 (2) Additionally, the following number of those judges of the  
 36 Superior Court satisfying the residency requirements set forth above  
 37 shall at all times sit in the county in which they reside:

38	Atlantic.....	4
39	Bergen.....	12
40	Burlington.....	4
41	Camden.....	8
42	Cape May.....	2

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1	Cumberland.....	4
2	Essex.....	14
3	Gloucester.....	6
4	Hudson.....	6
5	Hunterdon.....	2
6	Mercer.....	6
7	Middlesex.....	8
8	Monmouth.....	4
9	Morris.....	6
10	Ocean.....	8
11	Passaic.....	6
12	Salem.....	2
13	Somerset.....	4
14	Sussex.....	2
15	Union.....	6
16	Warren.....	2

17 (cf: P.L.1996, c.52, s.7)

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19 2. (New section) Each nomination to the Superior Court shall  
 20 specifically indicate the name of the former judge whose vacancy the  
 21 nomination is filling and if the judgeship must be filled by a resident of  
 22 a specific county.

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24 3. (New section) Not more than 10 days after the enactment of  
 25 this act, and annually on September 1 thereafter, the Administrative  
 26 Office of the Courts shall notify the Legislature of all the names of  
 27 those Superior Court judges fulfilling the requirements set forth in  
 28 N.J.S.2B:2-1, including notification of all those Superior Court judges  
 29 serving in these positions who are sitting out of their county of  
 30 residence and the county in which these Superior Court judges are  
 31 sitting. Thereafter, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall notify  
 32 the Legislature as vacancies occur.

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34 4. There is appropriated to the Administrative Office of the Courts  
 35 from the General Fund \$3,300,000.00 for costs associated with the  
 36 additional judgeships created by this act.

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38 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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43 This Senate floor substitute would create twelve additional  
 44 Superior Court judgeships. Seven of those judgeships would be  
 45 unrestricted. Of the remaining five judgeships, one each would be  
 46 assigned to the following counties: Burlington, Camden, Gloucester,

1 Passaic and Salem.

2 The floor substitute would also require that each nomination for a  
3 Superior Court judgeship indicate the name of the former judge whose  
4 vacancy the nomination is filling and if the judgeship must be filled by  
5 a resident of a specific county.

6 The floor substitute further requires that not more than 10 days  
7 after the enactment of this bill, and annually on September 1 of each  
8 year, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall notify the  
9 Legislature with a list of the names of those Superior Court judges  
10 fulfilling the requirements set forth in N.J.S.2B:2-1. It would also  
11 require the Administrative Office of the Court to include in that  
12 notification the names of all those Superior Court judges serving in  
13 these positions who are sitting out of their county of residence and the  
14 county in which these Superior Court judges are sitting. Thereafter,  
15 the Administrative Office of the Courts would be required to notify the  
16 Legislature whenever a vacancy in any Superior Court judgeship  
17 occurs.

18 In addition, the floor substitute appropriates \$3,300,000.00 to the  
19 Administrative Office of the Courts to cover the costs associated with  
20 the new judgeships.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

**SENATE, Nos. 1232, 447 and**

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1489**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 4, 1999

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill Nos. 1232/447 and Assembly Bill No. 1489 (SCS/SS).

The Senate Substitute for Senate Bill Nos. 1232/447 and Assembly Bill No. 1489 (SCS) creates twelve additional Superior Court judgeships. Seven of those judgeships would be unrestricted. Of the remaining five, one each would be assigned to the following counties: Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Passaic and Salem.

The legislation also requires that each nomination for a Superior Court judgeship 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.

The legislation further requires that not more than 10 days after the enactment of this bill, and annually on September 1 of each year, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) shall notify the Legislature with a list of the names of those Superior Court judges fulfilling the requirements set forth in N.J.S.2B:2-1. It also requires the AOC to include the names of all those Superior Court judges serving in these positions who are sitting out of their county of residence and the county in which these Superior Court judges are sitting. Thereafter, the AOC would be required to notify the Legislature whenever a vacancy in any Superior Court judgeship occurs.

As reported by this committee, this bill is identical to A-2841 of 1999, also reported by this committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This legislation make a General Fund appropriation in the amount of \$3,300,000 to the Administrative Office of the Courts for the costs associated with the additional judgeships.

# SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR **SENATE, Nos. 1232, 447 and ASSEMBLY, No. 1489**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 29, 1998

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably a Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill Nos. 1232/447 and Assembly Bill No. 1489.

This bill would create eight additional Superior Court judgeships. These judgeships would be assigned to the following counties: Camden, Cape May, Gloucester, Hudson, Passaic, Salem, Somerset and Warren.

This bill would also require that each nomination for a Superior Court judgeship 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.

In addition, the bill requires that not more than 10 days after the enactment of this bill, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide the Legislature with a list of the names of those Superior Court judges fulfilling the county residency and assignment requirements set forth in N.J.S.2B:2-1. Thereafter, the Administrative Office of the Courts would be required to notify the Legislature whenever a vacancy in any Superior Court judgeship occurs.

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE, Nos. 1232, 447 and**  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 1489**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**208th LEGISLATURE**

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ADOPTED JUNE 29, 1998

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator WILLIAM L. GORMLEY**

**District 2 (Atlantic)**

**Senator WILLIAM E. SCHLUTER**

**District 23 (Warren, Hunterdon and Mercer)**

**Assemblywoman CONNIE MYERS**

**District 23 (Warren, Hunterdon and Mercer)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

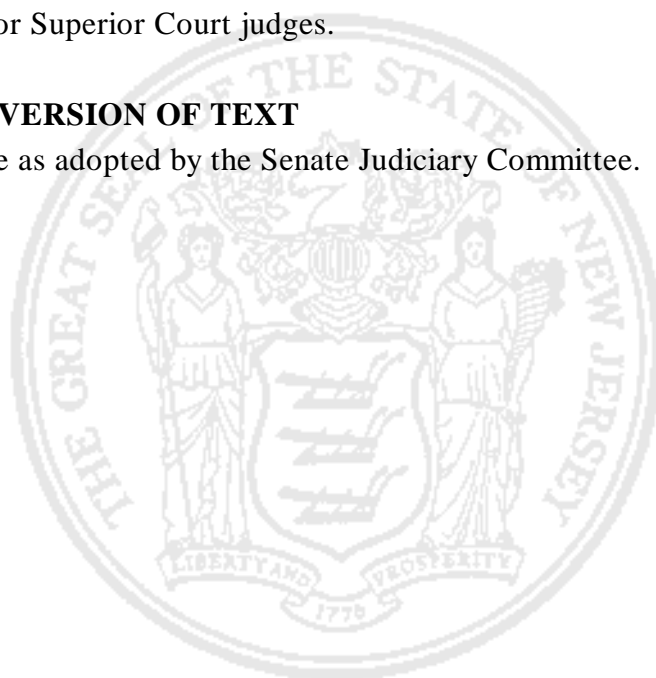
**Senator Kavanaugh**

**SYNOPSIS**

Creates eight additional Superior Court judgeships; clarifies nomination procedures for Superior Court judges.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Substitute as adopted by the Senate Judiciary Committee.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 7/31/1998)**

1 AN ACT creating eight additional Superior Court judgeships,  
 2 amending N.J.S.2B:2-1 and supplementing Title 2B of the New  
 3 Jersey Statutes.

4  
 5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
 6 of New Jersey:

7  
 8 1. N.J.S.2B:2-1 is amended to read as follows:

9 2B:2-1. Number of Judges. a. The Superior Court shall consist  
 10 of **[416]** 424 judges.

11 b. (1) The Superior Court shall at all times consist of the  
 12 following number of judges, who at the time of their appointment and  
 13 reappointment were resident of each county:

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15	Atlantic.....	11
16	Bergen.....	27
17	Burlington.....	9
18	Camden.....	<b>[15]</b> <u>16</u>
19	Cape May.....	<b>[4]</b> <u>5</u>
20	Cumberland.....	7
21	Essex.....	34
22	Gloucester.....	<b>[9]</b> <u>10</u>
23	Hudson.....	<b>[24]</b> <u>25</u>
24	Hunterdon.....	3
25	Mercer.....	9
26	Middlesex.....	24
27	Monmouth.....	17
28	Morris.....	15
29	Ocean.....	15
30	Passaic.....	<b>[16]</b> <u>17</u>
31	Salem.....	<b>[2]</b> <u>3</u>
32	Somerset.....	<b>[6]</b> <u>7</u>
33	Sussex.....	4
34	Union.....	20
35	Warren.....	<b>[3]</b> <u>4</u>
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37 (2) Additionally, the following number of those judges of the  
 38 Superior Court satisfying the residency requirements set forth above  
 39 shall at all times sit in the county in which they reside:

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41	Atlantic.....	4
42	Bergen.....	12

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1	Burlington.....	4
2	Camden.....	8
3	Cape May.....	2
4	Cumberland.....	4
5	Essex.....	14
6	Gloucester.....	6
7	Hudson.....	6
8	Hunterdon.....	2
9	Mercer.....	6
10	Middlesex.....	8
11	Monmouth.....	4
12	Morris.....	6
13	Ocean.....	8
14	Passaic.....	6
15	Salem.....	2
16	Somerset.....	4
17	Sussex.....	2
18	Union.....	6
19	Warren.....	2

20 (cf: P.L.1996, c.52, s.7)

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22 2. (New section) Each nomination to the Superior Court shall  
 23 specifically indicate the name of the former judge whose vacancy the  
 24 nomination is filling and if the judgeship must be filled by a resident of  
 25 a specific county.

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27 3. (New section) Not more than 10 days after the enactment of  
 28 this act, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide the  
 29 Legislature with a list of the names of those Superior Court judges  
 30 fulfilling the county residency and assignment requirements set forth  
 31 in N.J.S.2B:2-1. Thereafter, the Administrative Office of the Courts  
 32 shall notify the Legislature as vacancies occur.

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34 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

**SENATE, No. 1232**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**208th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED JUNE 25, 1998

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator EDWARD T. O'CONNOR**

**District 31 (Hudson)**

**Senator WILLIAM L. GORMLEY**

**District 2 (Atlantic)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senators Girgenti, Robertson, Cafiero, Matheussen, Martin, Bennett,  
Kenny, Bryant, Lynch, Zane and Adler**

**SYNOPSIS**

Clarifies procedures for appointment of Superior Court judges.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.





1 AN ACT concerning the appointment of Superior Court judges and  
2 supplementing Title 2B of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Each nomination to the Superior Court shall specifically indicate  
8 the name of the former judge whose vacancy the nomination is filling  
9 and if the judgeship must be filled by a resident of a specific county.

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11 2. Not more than 10 days after the enactment of this act, the  
12 Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide the Legislature with  
13 a list of the names of those Superior Court judges fulfilling the county  
14 residency and assignment requirements set forth in N.J.S.2B:2-1.  
15 Thereafter, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall notify the  
16 Legislature as vacancies occur.

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18 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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23 The bill would require that each nomination for a Superior Court  
24 judgeship indicate the name of the former judge whose vacancy the  
25 nomination is filling and if the judgeship must be filled by a resident of  
26 a specific county.

27 The bill also requires that not more than 10 days after the  
28 enactment of this bill, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall  
29 provide the Legislature with a list of the names of those Superior  
30 Court judges fulfilling the county residency and assignment  
31 requirements set forth in N.J.S.2B:2-1. Thereafter, the Administrative  
32 Office of the Courts shall notify the Legislature as vacancies occur.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 2841

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 208th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 28, 1999

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman DAVID C. RUSSO**  
**District 40 (Bergen and Passaic)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman Pou**

**SYNOPSIS**

Creates twelve additional Superior Court judgeships; clarifies nomination procedures for Superior Court judges; appropriates \$3,300,000.00 to the AOC.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/30/1999)**

1 AN ACT creating twelve additional Superior Court judgeships,  
2 amending and supplementing Title 2B of the New Jersey Statutes  
3 and making an appropriation.

4  
5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

7  
8 1. N.J.S.2B:2-1 is amended to read as follows:

9 2B:2-1. Number of Judges. a. The Superior Court shall consist of  
10 **[416]** 428 judges.

11 b. (1) The Superior Court shall at all times consist of the following  
12 number of judges, who at the time of their appointment and  
13 reappointment were resident of each county:

14	Atlantic.....	11
15	Bergen.....	27
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17	Camden.....	<b>[15]</b> <u>16</u>
18	Cape May.....	4
19	Cumberland.....	7
20	Essex.....	34
21	Gloucester.....	<b>[9]</b> <u>10</u>
22	Hudson.....	24
23	Hunterdon.....	3
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35 (2) Additionally, the following number of those judges of the  
36 Superior Court satisfying the residency requirements set forth above  
37 shall at all times sit in the county in which they reside:

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42	Cape May.....	2

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2	Essex.....	14
3	Gloucester.....	6
4	Hudson.....	6
5	Hunterdon.....	2
6	Mercer.....	6
7	Middlesex.....	8
8	Monmouth.....	4
9	Morris.....	6
10	Ocean.....	8
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20 specifically indicate the name of the former judge whose vacancy the  
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27 Superior Court judges fulfilling the requirements set forth in  
28 N.J.S.2B:2-1, including notification of all those Superior Court judges  
29 serving in these positions who are sitting out of their county of  
30 residence and the county in which these Superior Court judges are  
31 sitting. Thereafter, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall notify  
32 the Legislature as vacancies occur.

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34 4. There is appropriated to the Administrative Office of the Courts  
35 from the General Fund \$3,300,000.00 for costs associated with the  
36 additional judgeships created by this act.

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38 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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43 This bill would create twelve additional Superior Court judgeships.  
44 Seven of those judgeships would be unrestricted. Of the remaining  
45 five judgeships, one each would be assigned to the following counties:  
46 Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Passaic and Salem.

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1       The bill would also require that each nomination for a Superior  
2 Court judgeship indicate the name of the former judge whose vacancy  
3 the nomination is filling and if the judgeship must be filled by a  
4 resident of a specific county.

5       The bill further requires that not more than 10 days after the  
6 enactment of this bill, and annually on September 1 of each year, the  
7 Administrative Office of the Courts shall notify the Legislature with a  
8 list of the names of those Superior Court judges fulfilling the  
9 requirements set forth in N.J.S.2B:2-1. It would also require the  
10 Administrative Office of the Court to include in that notification the  
11 names of all those Superior Court judges serving in these positions  
12 who are sitting out of their county of residence and the county in  
13 which these Superior Court judges are sitting. Thereafter, the  
14 Administrative Office of the Courts would be required to notify the  
15 Legislature whenever a vacancy in any Superior Court judgeship  
16 occurs.

17       In addition, the bill appropriates \$3,300,000.00 to the  
18 Administrative Office of the Courts to cover the costs associated with  
19 the new judgeships.

# ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 2841

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 4, 1999

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2841.

Assembly Bill No. 2841 creates twelve additional Superior Court judgeships. Seven of those judgeships would be unrestricted. Of the remaining five, one each would be assigned to the following counties: Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Passaic and Salem.

The legislation also requires that each nomination for a Superior Court judgeship 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.

The legislation further requires that not more than 10 days after the enactment of this bill, and annually on September 1 of each year, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) shall notify the Legislature with a list of the names of those Superior Court judges fulfilling the requirements set forth in N.J.S.2B:2-1. It also requires the AOC to include the names of all those Superior Court judges serving in these positions who are sitting out of their county of residence and the county in which these Superior Court judges are sitting. Thereafter, the AOC would be required to notify the Legislature whenever a vacancy in any Superior Court judgeship occurs.

As reported by this committee, this bill is identical to the Senate Substitute for Senate Bill Nos. 1232/447 and Assembly Bill No. 1489 (SCS), also reported by this committee.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

This legislation make a General Fund appropriation in the amount of \$3,300,000 to the Administrative Office of the Courts for the costs associated with the additional judgeships.

**SENATE, No. 447**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**208th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 10, 1998

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator WILLIAM E. SCHLUTER**

**District 23 (Warren, Hunterdon and Mercer)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Creates an additional Superior Court judgeship for Warren County; appropriates \$275,000 to the AOC.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



S447 SCHLUTER

1 AN ACT concerning an additional Superior Court judgeship and  
2 amending N.J.S.2B:2-1 and making an appropriation.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. N.J.S.2B:2-1 is amended to read as follows:

8 2B:2-1. Number of Judges. a. The Superior Court shall consist of  
9 **[416]** 417 judges.

10 b. (1) The Superior Court shall at all times consist of the following  
11 number of judges, who at the time of their appointment and  
12 reappointment were resident of each county:

13	Atlantic.....	11
14	Bergen.....	27
15	Burlington.....	9
16	Camden.....	15
17	Cape May.....	4
18	Cumberland.....	7
19	Essex.....	34
20	Gloucester.....	9
21	Hudson.....	24
22	Hunterdon.....	3
23	Mercer.....	9
24	Middlesex.....	24
25	Monmouth.....	17
26	Morris.....	15
27	Ocean.....	15
28	Passaic.....	16
29	Salem.....	2
30	Somerset.....	6
31	Sussex.....	4
32	Union.....	20
33	Warren.....	<b>[3]4</b>

34 (2) Additionally, the following number of those judges of the  
35 Superior Court satisfying the residency requirements set forth above  
36 shall at all times sit in the county in which they reside:

37	Atlantic.....	4
38	Bergen.....	12
39	Burlington.....	4
40	Camden.....	8
41	Cape May.....	2
42	Cumberland.....	4
43	Essex.....	14

**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 underlined thus is new matter.**



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1	Gloucester.....	6
2	Hudson.....	6
3	Hunterdon.....	2
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9	Passaic.....	6
10	Salem.....	2
11	Somerset.....	4
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13	Union.....	6
14	Warren.....	<b>[2]4</b>

15 (cf: P.L.1996, c.52, s.7)

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17 2. There is appropriated to the Administrative Office of the Courts  
18 from the General Fund the sum of \$275,000 for costs associated with  
19 the additional judgeship created by this act.

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21 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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26 This bill provides for an additional Superior Court judge, increasing  
27 the total number of judges of that court from 416 to 417 and  
28 increasing the total number of judges of the superior court who at the  
29 time of their appointment or reappointment were residents of Warren  
30 County from three to four. The bill also provides that all four of the  
31 judges appointed who were residents of Warren County at the time of  
32 appointment shall sit in Warren County; N.J.S.2B:2-1 currently  
33 requires that two of the current three sit in Warren County.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 1489

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 208th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1998 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman CONNIE MYERS**

**District 23 (Warren, Hunterdon and Mercer)**

**Assemblyman LEONARD LANCE**

**District 23 (Warren, Hunterdon and Mercer)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Creates an additional Superior Court judgeship for Warren County; appropriates \$275,000 to the AOC.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Judiciary Committee with technical review.



1 AN ACT concerning an additional Superior Court judgeship and  
2 amending N.J.S.2B:2-1 and making an appropriation.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

6  
7 1. N.J.S.2B:2-1 is amended to read as follows:

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33	Warren.....	<b>[3]</b> <u>4</u>

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35 Superior Court satisfying the residency requirements set forth above  
36 shall at all times sit in the county in which they reside:

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3	Hunterdon.....	2
4	Mercer.....	6
5	Middlesex.....	8
6	Monmouth.....	4
7	Morris.....	6
8	Ocean.....	8
9	Passaic.....	6
10	Salem.....	2
11	Somerset.....	4
12	Sussex.....	2
13	Union.....	6
14	Warren.....	<b>[2]4</b>

15 (cf: P.L.1996, c.52, s.7)

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17 2. There is appropriated to the Administrative Office of the Courts  
18 from the General Fund the sum of \$275,000 for costs associated with  
19 the additional judgeship created by this act.

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21 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1489**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 9, 1998

The Assembly Judiciary Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1489.

This bill provides for an additional Superior Court judge, increasing the total number of judges of that court from 416 to 417 and increasing the total number of judges of the Superior Court who at the time of their appointment or reappointment were residents of Warren County from three to four. The bill also provides that all four of the judges appointed who were residents of Warren County at the time of appointment shall sit in Warren County; N.J.S.2B:2-1 currently requires that two of the current three sit in Warren County.

In addition, the bill provides a \$275,000.00 appropriation to the Administrative Office of the Courts for the costs for the additional judge.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 1998-1999 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1489**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 30, 1998

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1489.

Assembly Bill No. 1489 provides for an additional Superior Court judge, increasing the total number of judges of that court from 416 to 417 and increasing the total number of judges of the Superior Court who at the time of their appointment or reappointment were residents of Warren County from three to four. The bill also provides that all four of the judges appointed who were residents of Warren County at the time of appointment shall sit in Warren County; N.J.S.2B:2-1 currently requires that two of the current three sit in Warren County.

The bill also provides a \$275,000 appropriation to the Administrative Office of the Courts for the costs for the additional judge.

This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 447 of 1998.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill makes an appropriation in the amount of \$275,000 to the Administrative Office of the Courts for the costs associated with the additional judge.

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

## ASSEMBLY, No. 1489

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## 208th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MAY 7, 1998

Assembly Bill No. 1489 of 1998 provides for an additional Superior Court judge, increasing the total number of judges of that court from 416 to 417 and increasing the total number of judges of the Superior Court who at the time of their appointment or reappointment were residents of Warren County from three to four. The bill also appropriates \$275,000.

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) states that the salary and fringe benefits costs for a judge totals \$168,475 (\$115,000 for salaries and \$53,475 for fringe benefits). In addition, each judge's staff consists of a secretary, a law clerk, and a court clerk for a salary and fringe benefits cost of \$101,440, and a total salary and fringe benefits cost of \$269,915.

The AOC also notes that first-year start-up costs for furnishings and supplies would total \$47,000, and be reduced to \$8,000 per year thereafter, for a first-year cost of \$316,915. The AOC adds that while the bill appropriates \$275,000 for implementation, it would be able to bear the additional expense of the bill from available resources.

The Office of Legislative Services concurs.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.

*Office of the Governor*  
**NEWS RELEASE**

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RELEASE: May 10, 1999

Gov. Christie Whitman today signed the following piece of legislation:

Senate Substitute for SCS for S-1232 and 447 and A-1489, sponsored by Senators Edward T. O'Connor, Jr. (D-Hudson) and William L. Gormley (R-Atlantic) and William E. Schluter (R- Warren/Hunterdon/Mercer) and Assembly Member Leonard Lance (R- Warren/Hunterdon /Mercer), amends state law to create 12 additional Superior Court judgeships, increasing the total number from 416 to 428. Of the 12, five of the judgeships will be restricted and seven will be unrestricted. Restricted means the seat must be filled by a resident of a specific county. Unrestricted seats can be filled by residents of any county. One of each of the five restricted judgeships will be assigned to the following counties: Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Passaic and Salem. In addition to facilitating the reduction of backlogged cases, the judges will also help the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to handle the increase in workload expected to be created by the federal Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997. The act requires that hearings on the termination of parental rights be expedited. The bill appropriates \$3.3 million to the AOC for costs associated with the additional judgeships.