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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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(Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court judges -
authorizes appointments)

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Sponsor(s): Smith and Kavanaugh

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Following were printed:			
Reports:		///	No
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Sponsors' statement:

This bill would authorize the appointment of a juvenile and domestic relations court judge in Somerset County.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 2088

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 15, 1982

By Assemblymen SMITH and KAVANAUGH

AN ACT concerning juvenile and domestic relations courts in certain counties, amending P. L. 1982, c. 78 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 second class having
3 a population of not less than 200,000 nor more than 300,000 accord-
4 ing to the 1980 federal census, an attorney-at-law to be judge of
5 the juvenile and domestic relations court of the county. He shall
6 devote his entire time to his judicial duties, shall not engage in the
7 practice of law and shall be paid such salary as is 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 **[35]** ***[36]*** ***42*** 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 appoint-
7 ment and any reappointment were residents of that county:

8	Atlantic	1
9	Bergen	4
10	Burlington	1
11	Camden	*[2]* *4*
11A	<i>*Cumberland</i>	1*
12	Essex	6
12A	<i>*Gloucester</i>	2*

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 committee amendments adopted January 27, 1983.

13	Hudson	4
14	Mercer	1
15	Middlesex	4
16	Monmouth	4
17	Morris	2
18	Passaic	2
19	<i>Somerset</i>	1
19A	* <i>Sussex</i>	1*
20	Union	4

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

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

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

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately but section 1 shall
 2 expire on September 1, 1983.

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 2088
with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 27, 1983

This bill would authorize the appointment of a juvenile and domestic relations court judge in Somerset county. Technical amendments were made by the committee.