

2A:2-1 AND 2A:2-1.3

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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Sponsor(s): Lesniak and others

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Senate No

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Sponsors' statement:

The bill increases the number of Union County juvenile and domestic relations or family court judges from 4 to 6.

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SENATE, No. 3773

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 12, 1983

By Senators LESNIAK, DiFRANCESCO and BASSANO

(Without Reference)

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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*  
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6 *juvenile and domestic relations court of the county. They shall*  
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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 **[51]** *53* judges. Each judge  
4 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:

|    |                  |   |
|----|------------------|---|
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| 11 | Camden .....     | 4 |
| 12 | Cape May .....   | 1 |

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| 17 | Mercer .....     | 1            |
| 18 | Middlesex .....  | 4            |
| 19 | Monmouth .....   | 6            |
| 20 | Morris .....     | 4            |
| 21 | Passaic .....    | 4            |
| 22 | Somerset .....   | 1            |
| 23 | Sussex .....     | 1            |
| 24 | Union .....      | <b>[4]</b> 6 |

25 c. In counties other than those in which the appointment of  
 26 judges is provided by subsection b., the Supreme Court shall desig-  
 27 nate a Superior Court judge sitting in that county as the judge of  
 28 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 juvenile  
 31 delinquency complaints and juvenile-family crisis referrals. The  
 32 intake service shall operate in compliance with standards estab-  
 33 lished by the Supreme Court, but in no instance shall the standards  
 34 for personnel employed as counselors hired after the effective date  
 35 of this act be less than a masters degree from an accredited institu-  
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 37 including degrees in social work, counseling, counseling psychology,  
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 41 mum of five years experience working with troubled youth and their  
 42 families or a bachelors degree in one of the behavioral sciences and  
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 44 families. Intake personnel should also receive training in drug and  
 45 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) TThe Superior Court shall at all times consist of the fol-  
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| 28 | Warren     | 2              |

29 (2) Additionally, a number of those judges of the Superior  
30 Court satisfying the residency requirements set forth above equal  
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32 the counties on December 6, 1978 shall at all times sit in the county  
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1 2. Section 11 of P. L. 1983, c. 405 (C. 2A:2-1.3) is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 11. a. Each county shall be responsible for 50% of the cost of the  
4 salary of the judges of the juvenile and domestic relations courts  
5 or family court and county district courts transferred pursuant to  
6 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]**  
9 *January 17, 1984* and the number of judges assigned to the Superior  
10 Court to that county is thereby increased, the county shall be  
11 responsible for funding 100% of the cost of **[any such position]**  
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16 so assigned.

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18 *in N. J. S. 2A:2-1.b is increased after December 31, 1983 but before*  
19 *January 18, 1984 and the number of judges assigned to the Superior*  
20 *Court to that county is thereby increased, the county shall be*  
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22 *so assigned until December 31, 1984.\**

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately \***[**except for section 2  
2 which shall take effect December 31, 1983. Section 1 shall expire on  
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S-1934, sponsored by State Senator John P. Caufield, D-Essex, which requires that public schools be subject to the "State Uniform Construction Code Act." This was a recommendation of the New Jersey Fire Safety Study Commission.

S-3195, sponsored by State Senator William L. Gormley, R-Atlantic, which increases the number of Superior Court Judges in Atlantic County from six to seven.

S-3270, sponsored by State Senator Daniel J. Dalton, D-Camden, which appropriates to the Department of Environmental Protection 20 percent of the annual revenue received in repayment of loans made from the Water Supply Fund. The money would then be used for additional low interest loans for the construction of new water supply systems or the extension of existing systems to replace contaminated wells.

S-3587, sponsored by State Senator Wayne Dumont, R-Warren, which exempts from the State amusement game licensing fee any nonprofit association organized for the purpose of holding agricultural fairs and exhibitions if the proceeds from the games are used for charitable purposes.

S-3773, sponsored by State Senator Raymond Lesniak, D-Union, which increases the number of Superior Court Judges in Union County from 14 to 16.

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