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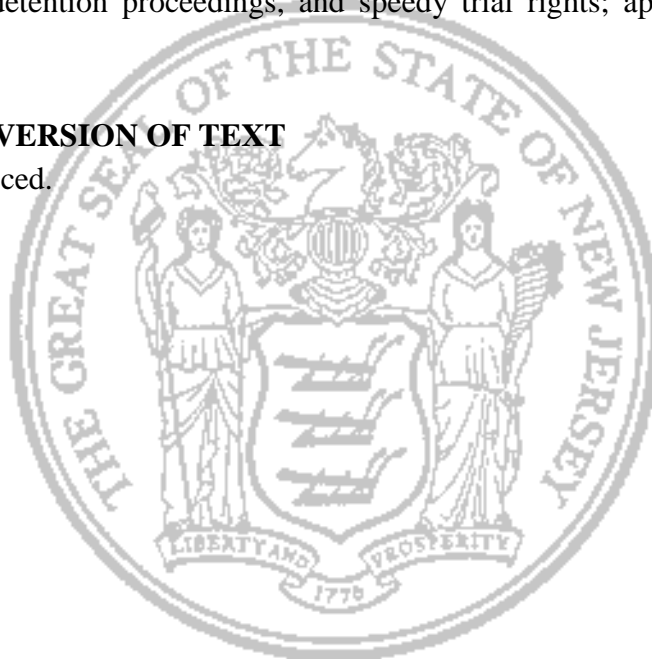
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SYNOPSIS

Increases number of Superior Court judgeships to support implementation of constitutional and statutory criminal justice reform, including new pretrial release and detention proceedings, and speedy trial rights; appropriates \$9.3 million.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT increasing the number of Superior Court judgeships to
 2 support the criminal justice reform established by the 2014
 3 amendment to Article I, paragraph 11 of the New Jersey
 4 Constitution and sections 1 through 11 of P.L.2014, c.31
 5 (C.2A:162-15 et seq.), amending N.J.S.2B:2-1, and making an
 6 appropriation.

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 8 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
 9 of New Jersey:

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

12 2B:2-1. Number of Judges.

13 a. The Superior Court shall consist of **[443]** 463 judges.

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

17	Atlantic	11
18	Bergen	28
19	Burlington	10
20	Camden	16
21	Cape May	4
22	Cumberland	7
23	Essex	34
24	Gloucester	11
25	Hudson	24
26	Hunterdon	3
27	Mercer	9
28	Middlesex	24
29	Monmouth	18
30	Morris	16
31	Ocean	15
32	Passaic	17
33	Salem	3
34	Somerset	6
35	Sussex	4
36	Union	20
37	Warren	3

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

41	Atlantic	4
42	Bergen	12
43	Burlington	4
44	Camden	8
45	Cape May	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 underlined thus is new matter.

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.2008, c.26, s.1)

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19 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Judiciary
20 \$9,300,000 for costs associated with the additional Superior Court
21 judgeships established by this act.

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23 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill would create 20 additional Superior Court judgeships to
29 support implementation of the constitutional and statutory criminal
30 justice reform established by the 2014 amendment to Article I,
31 paragraph 11 of the New Jersey Constitution and sections 1 through
32 11 of P.L.2014, c.31 (C.2A:162-15 et seq.). This reform, which
33 begins January 1, 2017, includes new pretrial release and detention
34 proceedings, and speedy trial rights.

35 In support of the 20 additional judgeships, the bill would
36 appropriate \$9.3 million to the Judiciary from the State's General
37 Fund. The bill would take effect on July 1, 2017, the first day of
38 the State's next fiscal year.