

N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Research
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Short Title: Expand Judicial Divisions			Sponsor:

TYPE OF FISCAL IMPACT	COUNTY/		FUNDS AFFECTED:		
	State Gov't	Local Gov't	(x) General	() Highway	() Other: Local
			State Fiscal Impact	FY 89-90	FY 90-91
No Fiscal Impact	()	()	State Total Req'ments	-0-	-0-
			Receipts/Revenues	-0-	-0-
Increase Expenditure	()	()	Net State Expend./Rev.	-0-	-0-
			No. of Positions		
Decrease Expenditure	(x)	()			
			Local Fiscal Impact	FY	FY
Increase Revenue	()	()	Local Total Req'ments		
			Receipts/Revenues		
Decrease Revenue	()	()	Net Local Expend./Rev.		
			No. of Positions		
No Estimate Avail.	(x)	()			

Description of Legislation

1. Summary of Legislation

As originally introduced on February 21, 1989, Senate Bill 1226 amends G.S. 7A-41(a) to expand the number of Superior Court Judicial Divisions from four to eight and specifies the composition of divisions by Superior Court Districts.

On May 9, 1989 the bill was amended to reduce the number of Superior Court Divisions from eight to five. The bill retains the present allocation of districts to divisions, except divides the fourth division into two separate divisions with Mecklenburg, Gaston, Cleveland and Lincoln counties comprising the new fifth division.

2. Effective Date - January 1, 1990

3. Fund or Tax Affected - General Fund

4. Principal Department/Program Affected - Administrative Office of the Courts.

Cost or Revenue Impact on State

	FY 89-90	FY 90-91	FY
1. Non-Recurring Costs/Revenues	-0-	-0-	
2. Recurring Costs/Revenues	-0-	-0-	
3. Fiscal/Revenue Assumptions			
According to the Administrative Office of the Courts there are no additional costs or requirements for personnel if the Fourth (4th) Judicial Division is divided into two separate divisions. There probably will be a decrease in costs as a result of the reduction in mileage but it is not possible to assess the amount at this time. It is anticipated that all other operating expenses will remain the same.			

Cost/Revenue Impact on County or Local Government

	FY 88-89	FY 89-90	FY
1. Non-Recurring Costs/Revenues			
2. Recurring Costs/Revenues			
3. Fiscal/Revenue Assumptions			

Sources of Data for Fiscal Note

Administrative Office of the Courts

Technical Considerations/Comments



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