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SENATE BILL 578

Short Title: Conference of Clerks of Superior Court.

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Sponsors: Senator Jordan.

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Referred to: State and Local Government.

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March 29, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CONFERENCE OF CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 7A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article to read:

**"ARTICLE 33.**

**"CONFERENCE OF CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT.**

**"§ 7A-420. Establishment and purpose.**

There is created the Conference of Clerks of Superior Court of North Carolina, of which every clerk of superior court in North Carolina is a member. The purpose of the Conference is to assist in improving the operation of the General Court of Justice by coordinating activity between the clerks of court and other elected officials in the judicial system, by providing a focal point for the training and education of clerks and their staffs, by assisting clerks in the administration of their offices, and by exercising the powers and performing the duties provided for in this Article.

**"§ 7A-421. Annual meetings; organization; election of officers.**

(a) Annual Meetings. – The Conference shall meet annually at a time and place selected by the President of the Conference.

(b) Election of Officers. – Officers of the Conference are a President, a President-elect, a Vice-president, and other officers from among its membership that the

1 Conference may designate in its bylaws. Officers are elected for one-year terms at the  
2 annual Conference, and take office on July 1 immediately following their election.

3 (c) Executive Committee. – The Executive Committee of the Conference consists  
4 of the President, the President-elect, the Vice-president, and four other members of the  
5 Conference. One of these four members shall be the immediate past president if there is  
6 one and if he continues to be a member.

7 (d) Organization and Functioning; Bylaws. – The bylaws may provide for the  
8 organization and functioning of the Conference, including the powers and duties of its  
9 officers and committees. The bylaws shall state the number of members required to  
10 constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Conference or the Executive Committee. The  
11 bylaws shall set out the procedure for amending the bylaws.

12 (e) Calling Meetings; Duty to Attend. – The President or the Executive Committee  
13 may call a meeting of the Conference upon 10 days' notice to the members, except upon  
14 written waiver of notice signed by at least three-fourths of the members. A member  
15 should attend each meeting of the Conference and the Executive Committee of which he  
16 is given notice. Members are entitled to reimbursement for travel and subsistence  
17 expenses at the rate applicable to State employees.

18 **"§ 7A-422. Powers of Conference.**

19 (a) The Conference may:

20 (1) Cooperate with citizens and other public and private agencies to  
21 promote the effective operation of the General Court of Justice.

22 (2) Assist clerks in the organization and administration of their offices.

23 (3) Cooperate with the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Institute  
24 of Government concerning education and training programs for clerks  
25 and staff.

26 (b) The Conference may not adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 150B of the General  
27 Statutes.

28 **"§ 7A-423. Executive Secretary; clerical support.**

29 The Conference may employ an Executive Secretary and any necessary supporting  
30 staff to assist it in carrying out its duties."

31 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.