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SENATE BILL 578

State and Local Government Committee Substitute Adopted 4/12/99

Short Title: Conference of Clerks of Superior Court.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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 the elected Clerk of Superior Court of each county in the State of North Carolina is a member. The purpose of the Conference is to assist in improving the administration of justice in North Carolina by coordinating the case processing and judicial efforts of the various Clerks of Superior Court. The Conference shall exercise the powers and 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.

1 **(b) Election of Officers.** – Officers of the Conference are a President, a Vice-
2 President, and other officers from among its membership that the Conference may
3 designate in its bylaws. Officers are elected for one-year terms at the annual Conference.

4 **(c) Executive Committee.** – The Executive Committee of the Conference shall
5 consist of the President, the Vice-President, and other officers and appointees from
6 among its membership as the Conference shall designate in its bylaws.

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 **"§ 7A-422. Powers of Conference.**

13 **(a) The Conference may:**

14 **(1) Cooperate with citizens and other public and private agencies to**
15 **promote the effective administration of justice.**

16 **(2) Assist Clerks of Superior Court in establishing consistent systems and**
17 **methods for processing various court actions.**

18 **(3) Provide training and instruction in the various judicial responsibilities of**
19 **the Clerks of Superior Court.**

20 **(4) Cooperate with the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Institute**
21 **of Government concerning education and training programs for Clerks**
22 **of Superior Court and staff.**

23 **(b) The Conference may not adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 150B of the General**
24 **Statutes.**

25 **"§ 7A-423. Executive Secretary; clerical support.**

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

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