

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

**SENATE BILL 476
RATIFIED BILL**

**AN ACT TO REALIGN SUPERIOR COURT DISTRICTS IN GUILFORD AND
WAKE COUNTIES.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 7A-41(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) For superior court districts of less than a whole county, or with part of one county with part of another, the composition of the district and the number of judges is as follows:

- (1) Superior Court District 7B consists of County Commissioner Districts 1, 2 and 3 of Wilson County, Blocks 127 and 128 of Census Tract 6 of Wilson County, and Townships 12 and 14 of Edgecombe County. It has one judge.
- (2) Superior Court District 7C consists of the remainder of Edgecombe and Wilson Counties not in Judicial District 7B. It has one judge.
- (3) Superior Court District 10A consists of ~~Raleigh Precincts 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 22, 25, 26, 28, 34, 35, and 40, and St. Matthews #3, except that if the Wake County Board of Elections provides that the area in Raleigh Township which was incorrectly placed in a St. Mary's precinct shall be in Raleigh Precinct 40, that area shall be considered to be in Raleigh Precinct 40 for district purposes.~~ Wake County Precincts 01-12, 01-13, 01-14, 01-18, 01-19, 01-20, 01-22, 01-25, 01-26, 01-28, 01-34, 01-35, 01-40, 01-50, 17-03, and 17-07. It has ~~one~~ two judges.
- (4) Superior Court District 10B consists of ~~Buckhorn Precinct, Cary Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, Cedar Fork Precinct, Holly Springs Precinct, House Creek Precinct #1, Meredith Precinct, Middle Creek Township, Raleigh Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 21, 23, 24, 27, 29, 31, 32, 33, 36, and 41, Swift Creek Precinct #1 and #2 and White Oak Township.~~ Wake County Precincts 01-01, 01-02, 01-03, 01-04, 01-05, 01-06, 01-07, 01-07A, 01-09, 01-10, 01-11, 01-16, 01-21, 01-23, 01-27, 01-29, 01-31, 01-32, 01-33, 01-36, 01-41, 01-48, 01-49, 03-00, 04-01, 04-02, 04-03, 04-04, 04-05, 04-06, 04-07, 04-08, 04-09, 04-10, 04-11, 04-12, 04-13, 04-14, 04-15, 04-16, 04-17, 04-18, 04-19, 04-20, 05-01, 05-02, 06-01, 06-02, 06-03, 07-01, 07-10, 11-01, 11-02, 12-01, 12-02, 12-03, 12-04, 12-05, 12-06, 18-01, 18-02, 18-03, 18-04, 18-05, 18-06, 18-07, 18-08, 20-01, 20-02, 20-03, 20-04, 20-05, 20-06, 20-07, 20-08, 20-09, and 20-10. It has two judges.
- (5) Superior Court District 10C consists of ~~Barton's Creek Precinct, Leesville Precinct, House Creek Precinct #2, Little River Township, Marks Creek Township, New Light Township, Panther Branch Township, St. Mary's Precincts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, and #6, and Wake Forest Township.~~ Wake County Precincts 02-01, 02-02, 02-03, 02-04, 02-05, 02-06, 07-02, 07-12, 08-01, 08-02, 08-03, 08-04, 08-05, 08-06, 08-07, 08-08, 09-01, 09-02, 09-03, 10-01, 10-02, 10-03, 10-04, 14-01, 14-02, 15-01, 15-02, 15-03, 15-04, 16-01, 16-02, 16-03, 16-04, 16-05,

- 16-06, 16-07, 19-01, 19-02, 19-03, 19-04, 19-05, 19-06, 19-07, and 19-08. It has one judge.
- (6) ~~Superior Court District 10D consists of the remainder of Wake County not in Superior Court Districts 10A, 10B or 10C.~~ Wake County Precincts 01-15, 01-17, 01-30, 01-37, 01-38, 01-39, 01-42, 01-43, 01-44, 01-45, 01-46, 01-47, 01-51, 07-03, 07-04, 07-05, 07-06, 07-07, 07-07A, 07-09, 07-11, 13-01, 13-02, 13-03, 13-04, 13-05, 17-01, 17-02, 17-04, 17-05, 17-06, and 17-08. It has one judge.
- (7) Superior Court District 12A consists of that part of Cross Creek Precinct #18 north of Raeford Road, Montclair Precinct, that part of Precinct 71-1 not in Judicial District 12B, Precinct 71-2, Morganton #2 Precinct, Cottonade Precinct, Cumberland Precincts 1 and 2, and Brentwood Precinct. It has one judge.
- (8) Superior Court District 12B consists of all of State House of Representatives District 17, except for Westarea Precinct, and it also includes that part of Cross Creek Precinct #15 east of Village Drive. It has one judge.
- (9) Superior Court District 12C consists of the remainder of Cumberland County not in Superior Court Districts 12A or 12B. It has two judges.
- (10) Superior Court District 14A consists of Durham Precincts 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 34, 40, 41, and 42, and that part of Durham Precinct 39 east of North Carolina Highway #751. It has one judge.
- (11) Superior Court District 14B consists of the remainder of Durham County not in Superior Court District 14A. It has three judges.
- (12) Superior Court District 18A consists of ~~Greensboro Precincts 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 19, 25, 29, 30, 44, and 45 and Clay and Fentress Precincts.~~ Fentress Precincts 1 and 2; Greensboro Precincts 4, 5, 6, 46, 52, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, and 75; North Clay Precinct; Pleasant Garden Precincts 1 and 2; and South Clay Precinct. It has one judge.
- (13) Superior Court District 18B consists of ~~High Point Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, and 21, Deep River Precinct, and Jamestown Precincts 1 and 3.~~ 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27; HP Precinct; Jamestown Precincts 1 and 5; North Deep River Precinct; and South Deep River Precinct. It has one judge.
- (14) Superior Court District 18C consists of ~~Greensboro Precincts 20, 27, 31, 32, 34, 37, 38, 39, and 43, High Point Precinct 19, Stokesdale, Oak Ridge, Bruce, Friendship I, Friendship II, Jamestown II, South Center Grove, North Center Grove, and North Monroe Precincts.~~ Center Grove Precincts 1, 2, and 3; Friendship Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; Greensboro Precincts 17, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40A, 40B, 41, 42, 43, 64, 65, and 66; Jamestown Precincts 2, 3, and 4; Monroe Precinct 3; North Center Grove Precinct; Oak Ridge Precincts 1 and 2; Summerfield Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4; and Stokesdale Precinct. It has one judge.
- (15) Superior Court District 18D consists of ~~Greensboro Precincts 4, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 36, and 42, and North and South Sumner Precincts.~~ 1, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 35, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, and 63; and Sumner Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4. It has one judge.
- (16) Superior Court District 18E consists of ~~the remainder of Guilford County not in Superior Court Districts 18A, 18B, 18C, or 18D.~~ Gibsonville Precinct; Greene Precinct; Greensboro Precincts 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29; Jefferson Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4; Monroe Precincts 1 and 2; North Madison Precinct;

- North Washington Precinct; Rock Creek Precincts 1 and 2; South Madison Precinct; and South Washington Precinct. It has one judge.
- (17) Superior Court District 21A consists of the Southwest Ward of Winston-Salem, and Precincts 80-6, 80-7, 80-8, 3-1, 9-1, 13-1, 13-2, 13-3, 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 12-2, and 12-3. It has one judge.
- (18) Superior Court District 21B consists of the Northwest Ward, the South Ward, and the Southeast Ward of Winston-Salem, and Precincts 4-1 and 4-2. It has one judge.
- (19) Superior Court District 21C consists of Precincts 80-1, 80-2, 80-3, 80-4, 80-5, 80-9, 10-2, 10-3, 3-2, 3-3, 11-1, 11-2, 2-1, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 1-1, 1-2, and 1-3. It has one judge.
- (20) Superior Court District 21D consists of the North Ward, the Northeast Ward, and the East Ward of Winston-Salem, and Precincts 8-2 and 8-3. It has one judge.
- (21) Superior Court District 26A consists of Charlotte Precincts 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 33, 39, 41, 42, 46, 52, 54, 55, 56, 58, 60, 77, 78, and 82, and Long Creek Precinct #2 of Mecklenburg County. It has two judges.
- (22) Superior Court District 26B consists of Charlotte Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 43, 44, 45, 47, 51, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 71, 74, 83, 84, and 86, Crab Orchard Precincts 1 and 2, and Mallard Creek Precinct 1. It has two judges.
- (23) Superior Court District 26C consists of the remainder of Mecklenburg County not in Superior Court Districts 26A or 26B. It has two judges.
- (24) Superior Court District 19B1 consists of all of Montgomery County except for Star Precinct, the following precincts of Moore County: #8 West End, #9 Eastwood, #11 Vass, #12 Little River, #14 Taylortown, #17 South Southern Pines, #19 North Southern Pines; #20 West Aberdeen, #21 East Aberdeen, #22 Pinedene, #23 Pinebluff, and the remainder of Randolph County not in Superior Court District 19B2. It has one judge.
- (25) Superior Court District 19B2 consists of Star Precinct in Montgomery County, the remainder of Moore County not in Superior Court District 19B1, and the following precincts of Randolph County: Archdale I, Archdale II, Archdale III, Brower, Coleridge, Franklinville, Grant, Level Cross, Liberty, New Market North, New Market South, Pleasant Grove, Prospect, Providence, Ramseur, Richland, Staley, Trinity East, and Trinity West. It has one judge."

SECTION 2. G.S. 7A-41(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) In subsection (b) above:

- (1) ~~the~~ The names and boundaries of townships are as they were legally defined and in effect as of January 1, 1980, and recognized in the 1980 U.S. Census;
- (2) ~~for Guilford County, precinct boundaries are as shown on maps in use by the Guilford County Board of Elections on April 15, 1987; For Guilford County, the precincts are as they were legally defined and recognized as voting districts of the same name in the 2000 U.S. Census, except Greensboro Precincts 40A and 40B are as they were modified by the Guilford County Board of Elections and are as shown on the Legislative Services Office's redistricting computer database on May 1, 2001;~~
- (2a) For Wake County, the precincts are as they were adopted by the Wake County Board of Elections and in effect as of January 1, 2001.

- (3) ~~for Mecklenburg, Wake,~~ For Mecklenburg and Durham Counties, precinct boundaries are as shown on the current maps in use by the appropriate county board of elections as of January 31, 1984, in accordance with G.S. 163-128(b);
- (4) ~~for~~ For Wilson County, commissioner districts are those in use for election of members of the county board of commissioners as of January 1, 1987;
- (5) ~~for~~ For Cumberland County, House District 17 is in accordance with the boundaries in effect on January 1, 1987. Precincts are in accordance with those as approved by the United States Department of Justice on February 28, 1986; ~~and~~
- (6) ~~for~~ For Forsyth County, the boundaries of wards and precincts are those in effect on "WARD MAP 1985", published November 1985 by the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth ~~County.~~ County; and
- (7) The names and boundaries of precincts in Montgomery, Moore, and Randolph Counties are those in existence on March 15, 1999.

If any changes in precinct boundaries, wards, commissioner districts, or House of Representative districts have been made since the dates specified, or are made, those changes shall not change the boundaries of the superior court districts; provided that if any of those boundaries have changed, a precinct is divided by a superior court judicial district boundary, and the precinct was not so divided at the time of enactment of this section in 1987, the boundaries of the superior court judicial district are changed to place the entirety of the precinct in the superior court judicial district where the majority of the residents of the precinct reside, according to the 1990 Federal Census if:

- (1) Such change does not result in placing a superior court judge in another superior court district;
- (2) Such change does not make a district that has an effective racial minority electorate not have an effective racial minority electorate; and
- (3) The change is approved by the county board of elections where the precinct is located, State Board of Elections and by the Secretary of State upon finding that the change:
 - a. Will improve election administration; and
 - b. Complies with subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection."

SECTION 3. As to a district in a county not subject to section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, this act is effective when it becomes law. As to a district in a county subject to section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, this act becomes effective when the district is precleared pursuant to section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 23rd day of July, 2001.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved _____ .m. this _____ day of _____, 2001