

**CHAPTER 243**

**AN ACT** creating six additional Superior Court judgeships and providing for the support of additional court staff and substance abuse treatment, amending N.J.S.2B:2-1 and making various appropriations.

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

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

Number of judges.

2B:2-1. Number of Judges. a. The Superior Court shall consist of 434 judges.

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

Atlantic	11
Bergen	28
Burlington	10
Camden	16
Cape May	4
Cumberland	7
Essex	34
Gloucester	11
Hudson	24
Hunterdon	3
Mercer	9
Middlesex	24
Monmouth	18
Morris	16
Ocean	15
Passaic	17
Salem	3
Somerset	6
Sussex	4
Union	20
Warren	3

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

Atlantic	4
Bergen	12
Burlington	4
Camden	8
Cape May	2
Cumberland	4
Essex	14
Gloucester	6
Hudson	6
Hunterdon	2
Mercer	6
Middlesex	8
Monmouth	4
Morris	6
Ocean	8
Passaic	6
Salem	2
Somerset	4
Sussex	2

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2. There is appropriated to the Administrative Office of the Courts from the General Fund \$972,000 for costs associated with the additional judgeships created by this act.

3. There is appropriated to the Administrative Office of the Courts from the General Fund \$1,458,000 for staff associated with the operation of the drug courts.

4. There is appropriated to the Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Addiction Services from the General Fund \$1,570,000 for in-patient and out-patient substance abuse treatment for adult and juvenile criminal offenders.

5. Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2002 and section 4 of this act shall take effect April 1, 2002.

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