

CHAPTER 103

AN ACT increasing the number of Superior Court judgeships to support the criminal justice reform established by the 2014 amendment to Article I, paragraph 11 of the New Jersey Constitution and sections 1 through 11 of P.L.2014, c.31 (C.2A:162-15 et seq.), amending N.J.S.2B:2-1, and making an appropriation.

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 463 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:

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| 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:

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| Atlantic | 4 |
| Bergen | 12 |
| Burlington | 4 |
| Camden | 8 |
| Cape May | 2 |
| Cumberland | 4 |
| Essex | 14 |
| Gloucester | 6 |
| Hudson | 6 |
| Hunterdon | 2 |

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| Mercer | 6 |
| Middlesex | 8 |
| Monmouth | 4 |
| Morris | 6 |
| Ocean | 8 |
| Passaic | 6 |
| Salem | 2 |
| Somerset | 4 |
| Sussex | 2 |
| Union | 6 |
| Warren | 2 |

2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Judiciary \$9,300,000 for costs associated with the additional Superior Court judgeships established by this act.

3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

Approved January 9, 2017.