LEGISLATIVE ACTS DEFINING JUDICIAL AND PROSECUTORIAL DISTRICTS FROM 1965 THROUGH 2014

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SL 1965-310

- Declared that district court districts to be same as superior court
- Established judgeships for first set of district court districts: 1, 12, 14, 16, 25, 30

SL 1967-691, § 8

• Set out all 30 district court districts in GS 7A-133

SL 1969-1049

• Declared that DA districts to be same as for superior court

SL 1969-1190

• Set out all 30 superior court districts in new GS 7A-41

SL 1975-956, § 4

- Dist 27 divided into 27A (Gaston) and 27B (Cleveland, Lincoln) for DA, effective July 1, 1975
- SL 1977-1130
 - Dist 15 divided into 15A (Alamance) and 15B (Orange, Chatham) for superior and district court and DA, effective July 15, 1977
 - Dist 27 divided into 27A (Gaston) and 27B (Cleveland, Lincoln) for superior and district court, effective Jan 1, 1979

SL 1977 (2nd Sess)-1238

• Dist 19 divided into 19A (Cabarrus, Rowan) and 19B (Montgomery, Randolph) for superior and district court and DA, effective Jan 1, 1979

SL 1981-964

- Dist 17 divided into 17A (Caswell, Rockingham) and 17B (Stokes, Surry) for superior and district court and DA, effective Sept 1, 1981
- Dist 3 divided into 3A (Pitt) and 3B (Carteret, Craven, Pamlico) for DA, effective Oct 1, 1981

SL 1987-509 (all changes effective Jan 1, 1989, and for 1988 election where applicable)

- Dist 3 divided into same 3A and 3B as above (SL 1981-964) for superior court
- Dist 4 divided into 4A (Duplin, Jones, Sampson) and 4B (Onslow) for superior court
- Dist 6 divided into 6A (Halifax) and 6B (Bertie, Hertford, Northampton) for superior court

- Dist 7 divided into 7A (Nash) and 7B-C (Edgecombe, Wilson) for superior court and 7B-C further divided into 7B (part of Edgecombe, part of Wilson) and 7C (part of Edgecombe, part of Wilson) for superior court election purposes only
- Dist 8 divided into 8A (Greene, Lenoir) and 8B (Wayne) for superior court
- Dist 10 (Wake) divided into 10A-D for superior court election purposes only
- Dist 12 (Cumberland, Hoke) redefined as Cumberland only (with Hoke moved to Dist 16A) for superior court, and Dist 12 further divided into 12A-C for superior court election purposes only
- Dist 14 (Durham) divided into 14A-B for superior court election purposes only
- Dist 16 divided into 16A (Scotland, plus Hoke added from Dist 12) and 16B (Robeson) for superior court
- Dist 18 (Guilford) divided into 18A-E for superior court election purposes only
- Dist 19A divided into 19A (Cabarrus) and 19C (Rowan) for superior court
- Dist 20 divided into 20A (Anson, Moore, Richmond) and 20B (Stanly, Union) for superior court
- Dist 21 (Forsyth) divided into 21A-D for superior court election purposes only
- Dist 25 divided into 25A (Burke, Caldwell) and 25B (Catawba) for superior court
- Dist 26 (Mecklenburg) divided into 26A-C for superior court election purposes only
- Dist 30 divided into 30A (Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon, Swain) and 30B (Haywood, Jackson) for superior court

SL 1987 (Reg Sess 1988)-1056

- Dist 12 (Cumberland, Hoke) for district court and DA made same as superior court Dist 12 (Cumberland only, with Hoke moved to 16A) effective Jan 1, 1989
- Dists 16A (Scotland, plus Hoke added from Dist 12) and 16B (Robeson) made same for district court and DA as for superior court, effective Jan 1, 1989

SL 1989-795, §§ 23(a), 24

- Dist 19A divided into 19A (Cabarrus) and 19C (Rowan) for district court, effective Sept 1, 1989
- Dist 6 divided into 6A (Halifax) and 6B (Bertie, Hertford, Northampton) for district court and DA; effective Dec 1, 1989 for district court; effective Sept 1, 1989 for DA

SL 1991-742, § 12(a)

• Dist 3 divided into 3A and 3B for district court same as for superior court and DA, effective Sept 1, 1991

SL 1993-321, §§ 200.4, 200.7

- Dist 9 divided into 9 (Franklin, Granville, Vance, Warren) and Dist 9A (Person, plus Caswell from Dist 17A), and Dist 17A redefined to include only Rockingham (with Caswell added to Dist 9A), for superior and district court and DA, effective Nov 1, 1993
- Dist 19A (Cabarrus, Rowan) divided into 19A (Cabarrus) and 19C (Rowan) for DA, effective Jan 1, 1995 and applicable to 1994 election

SL 1995-51

 Dist 11 divided into 11A (Harnett, Lee) and 11B (Johnston) for superior court, effective Oct 1, 1995 SL 1995-507, § 21.1

• Dist 9 divided into 9 (Granville, Franklin, part of Vance) and 9B (Warren, part of Vance) for district court election purposes only, effective Jan 1, 1996

SL 1995 (Reg Sess 1996)-589

 Moore moved from Dist 20A (now Anson, Richmond) to Dist 19B (now Montgomery, Moore, Randolph) for superior court and moved from Dist 20 (now Anson, Richmond, Stanly, Union) to Dist 19B (now Montgomery, Moore, Randolsph) for district court and DA; effective Jan 1, 1997, for district court; effective Jan 4, 1997, for superior court and DA

SL 1999-237, §§ 17.19, 17.20

- Dist 19B divided into 19B1 (part of Montgomery, part of Moore, part of Randolph) and 19B2 (part of Montgomery, part of Moore, part of Randolph) for superior court election purposes only, effective Jan 1, 2001, and applicable to 2000 election
- Dist 5 divided into 5A (part of New Hanover, part of Pender), 5B (part of New Hanover, part of Pender) and 5C (part of New Hanover) for superior court election purposes only, effective Jan 1, 2003, and applicable to 2002 election

SL 2001-333

• Dists 10A-D (all in Wake) and 18A-E (all in Guilford) realigned for superior court election purposes only, effective July 23, 2001, or when precleared

SL 2001-400

• Dist 11 divided into three residency districts (Johnston for five judges, Harnett for two, Lee for one) for district court election purposes only, effective July 1, 2002

SL 2001-507

• Dists 21A-D (all in Forsyth) realigned for superior court election purposes only, effective Jan 1, 2002

SL 2003-284, § 13.14

 Moore moved from Dist 19B (now Montgomery, Randolph) to new Dist 19D (Moore), for superior court, effective Dec 1, 2003

SL 2004-127, § 2

• Dist 14A (Durham) redefined for superior court election purposes only, effective July 26, 2004, and applicable to 2004 election

SL 2005-276, § 14.2

- Stanly moved from Dist 20B (now Union) to Dist 20A (now Anson, Richmond, Stanly) for superior court, effective Dec 1, 2005
- Dist 20 divided into 20A (Anson, Richmond, Stanly) and 20B (Union) for district court and DA; effective Dec 1, 2005 for district court; effective Jan 1, 2007 for DA and applicable to 2006 election

- Dist 29 divided into 29A (McDowell, Rutherford) and 29B (Henderson, Polk, Transylvania) for superior and district court and DA; effective Dec 1, 2005 for superior and district court; effective Jan 1, 2007 for DA and applicable to 2006 election
- SL 2005-345, § 27
 - Dist 20B (Union) divided into 20B (part of Union) and 20C (part of Union) for district court election purposes only, effective July 1, 2005

SL 2006-66, § 14.19

 Moore moved from Dist 19B (now Montgomery, Randolph) to new Dist 19D (Moore) for DA, effective Jan 15, 2007

SL 2006-96

- Dist 13 divided into 13A (Bladen, Columbus) and 13B (Brunswick) for superior court, effective Oct 1, 2006
- Dist 13 divided into three residency district (Bladen for one judge, Brunswick for two, Columbus for one) for district court election purposes for four of six judges, effective Oct 1, 2006

SL 2006-264, § 93

 Dist 20B (part of Union) and 20C (part of Union) residency districts for district court election purposes reversed, effective Dec 1, 2005

SL 2007-323, § 14.25

- Dist 22 divided into 22A (Alexander, Iredell) and 22B (Davidson, Davie) for superior and district court and DA, effective Jan 1, 2009 and applicable to 2008 elections
- Dist 22A divided into two residency districts (Alexander for two judges, Iredell for three) and Dist 22B divided into two residency districts (Davidson for four judges, Davie for two) for district court election purposes only, effective Jan 1, 2009 and applicable to 2008 elections

SL 2007-484, § 25

• Dist 20D (Union) established for residency for one judgeship for district court election purposes, effective Aug 30, 2007

SL 2009-341

• Dist 13 residency districts redefined (Bladen for one judge, Brunswick for three, Columbus for two) for district court election purposes only; enacted July 24, 2009

SL 2009-451, § 15.17E

• Dist 11 divided into 11A (Harnett, Lee) and 11B (Johnston) for DA, effective Jan 15, 2011

SL 2011-203

• Dist 10 (Wake) superior court election districts redrawn effective with 2012 elections to comply with one-person/one-vote decision in *Blankenship v. Bartlett*, 363 NC 518 (2009)

SL 2013-360, §§ 18B-22.(a)-(q)

- Anson and Richmond moved from Dist 20A to Dist 16A (joining Scotland and Hoke) for district and superior court, leaving Stanly as sole county in 20A, effective Jan 1, 2015, and applicable to 2014 elections.
- Anson and Richmond moved from Dist 20A to new Dist 16C for DA, leaving only Stanly in Dist 20A; effective Jan 1, 2015, and applicable to 2014 elections.
- Dist 6A (Halifax) and Dist 6B (Bertie, Hertford, Northampton) consolidated into Dist 6 for district court and for DA; effective Jan 1, 2015, and applicable to 2014 elections.

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