

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 1130
SENATE BILL 224

AN ACT TO DIVIDE THE FIFTEENTH AND TWENTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICTS, AND TO CREATE ADDITIONAL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, AND DISTRICT COURT JUDGES AS REQUIRED THEREBY AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 7A-41, as set forth in the 1976 Interim Supplement to the General Statutes, is amended in the table, effective July 15, 1977, by deleting the reference to the fifteenth judicial district therein, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Judicial District	Counties	No. of Resident Judges	No. of full time Asst. District Attorneys
15A	Alamance	1	3
15B	Orange		
	Chatham	1	2"

Sec. 2. G.S. 7A-41, as set forth in the 1976 Interim Supplement to the General Statutes, is amended in the table, effective January 1, 1979, by deleting the reference to the twenty-seventh judicial district therein, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Judicial District	Counties	No. of Resident Judges	No. of full time Asst. District Attorneys
27A	Gaston	2	5
27B	Cleveland		
	Lincoln	1	3"

Sec. 3. G.S. 7A-60(b), as set forth in the 1975 Cumulative Supplement to Volume 1B of the General Statutes, is amended by adding the following paragraphs at the end thereof:

"Effective July 15, 1977, the fifteenth prosecutorial district is divided into two prosecutorial districts, to be known as Prosecutorial Districts 15A and 15B. District 15A shall consist of Alamance County, and District 15B shall consist of Orange and Chatham Counties. The current district attorney of the fifteenth prosecutorial district shall become the district attorney for Prosecutorial District 15A, and the Governor shall appoint a district attorney for Prosecutorial District 15B. The appointee shall serve until January 1, 1979, and his successor shall be chosen in the general election of November 1978, to serve a four-year term beginning January 1, 1979."

Sec. 4. G.S. 7A-133, as set forth in the 1976 Interim Supplement to the General Statutes, is amended in the table, effective July 15, 1977, by deleting the references to the fifteenth district under the columns headed "District", "Judges", and "County", and inserting in lieu thereof:

"District	Judges	County
15A	3	Alamance

15B

2

Orange
Chatham"

The additional district court judge authorized by this act for district fifteen-A shall be appointed by the Governor to serve until the first Monday in December 1980. The appointee's successor shall be chosen in the general election of November 1980 to serve a four-year term beginning the first Monday in December 1980.

Sec. 5. G.S. 7A-133, as set forth in the 1976 Interim Supplement to the General Statutes, is amended in the table, effective January 1, 1979, by deleting the references to the twenty-seventh district under the columns headed "District", "Judges", and "County", and inserting in lieu thereof:

"District	Judges	County
27A	4	Gaston
27B	2	Cleveland Lincoln"

The additional district court judge authorized by this act for district 27B shall be appointed by the Governor to serve until the first Monday in December 1980. The appointee's successor shall be chosen in the general election of November 1980, to serve a four-year term beginning the first Monday in December 1980.

Sec. 6. G.S. 7A-465, as set forth in the 1975 Cumulative Supplement to Volume 1B of the General Statutes, is amended by adding the following at the end of the third paragraph:

"Effective January 1, 1979, the twenty-seventh judicial district is divided into judicial districts 27A and 27B. On that date the current public defender of the twenty-seventh district shall become the public defender for district 27A."

Sec. 7. G.S. 7A-466, as set forth in the 1975 Cumulative Supplement to Volume 1B of the General Statutes, is amended in line 2 by deleting "twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh" and inserting in lieu thereof "twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh-A".

Sec. 8. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Judicial Department the sum of forty-one thousand six hundred ninety-five dollars (\$41,695) for the 1977-1978 fiscal year and the sum of ninety-seven thousand five hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$97,577) to provide additional judicial employees in judicial districts fifteen-A, fifteen-B, twenty-seven-A and twenty-seven-B.

Sec. 9. This act shall become effective July 15, 1977.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of July, 1977.