

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE DRH50214-LL-147\* (3/6)**

Short Title: Public Defender District 29B. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Justus.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC DEFENDER'S  
3 OFFICE IN DISTRICT 29B.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-498.7(a) reads as rewritten:

6 "(a) The following counties of the State are organized into the defender districts  
7 listed below, and in each of those defender districts an office of public defender is  
8 established:

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<u>Defender District</u>	<u>Counties</u>
10 1	Camden, Chowan,
11	Currituck, Dare, Gates,
12	Pasquotank, Perquimans
13 3A	Pitt
14 3B	Carteret
15 10	Wake
16 12	Cumberland
17 14	Durham
18 15B	Orange, Chatham
19 16A	Scotland, Hoke
20 16B	Robeson
21 18	Guilford
22 21	Forsyth
23 26	Mecklenburg
24 27A	Gaston
25 28	Buncombe

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Henderson, Polk, Transylvania

After notice to, and consultation with, the affected district bar, senior resident superior court judge, and chief district court judge, the Commission on Indigent Defense Services may recommend to the General Assembly that a district or regional public defender office be established. A legislative act is required in order to establish a new office or to abolish an existing office."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.