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SENATE DRS55190-LL-110 (03/08)

Short Title: District Court Dist. 25 Residency.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Daniel.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE BALANCE IN THE RESIDENCY OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
3 JUDGES IN DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT 25.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 7A-133 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 "(b5) The qualified voters of District Court District 25 shall elect all nine judges  
7 established for the District in subsection (a) of this section, but only persons who reside in  
8 Catawba County may be candidates for six of the judgeships, only persons who reside in Burke  
9 County may be candidates for two of the judgeships, and only persons who reside in Caldwell  
10 County may be candidates for one of the judgeships."

11 **SECTION 1.(b)** The six district court judgeships established for residents of  
12 Catawba County by Section 1(a) of this act shall be filled by the district court judges serving  
13 District 25 who reside in Catawba County on July 1, 2011. One of those judge's successors  
14 shall be elected for a four-year term in the 2012 general election, and the other five judges'  
15 successors shall be elected for four-year terms in the 2014 general election.

16 **SECTION 1.(c)** The district court judgeships established for residents of Burke  
17 County by Section 1(a) of this act shall be filled by the two district court judges serving District  
18 25 who reside in Burke County on July 1, 2011. One of those judges' successors shall be  
19 elected for a four-year term in the 2012 general election, and the other judge's successor shall  
20 be elected for a four-year term in the 2014 general election.

21 **SECTION 1.(d)** The district court judgeship established for residents of Caldwell  
22 County by Section 1(a) of this act shall be filled by the district court judge serving District 25  
23 who resides in Caldwell County on July 1, 2011. That judge's successor shall be elected for a  
24 four-year term in the 2014 general election.

25 **SECTION 2.(a)** Effective January 1, 2015, G.S. 7A-133(b5), as enacted by Section  
26 1(a) of this act, reads as rewritten:

27 "(b5) The qualified voters of District Court District 25 shall elect all nine judges  
28 established for the District in subsection (a) of this section, but only persons who reside in  
29 Catawba County may be candidates for ~~six~~ five of the judgeships, only persons who reside in  
30 Burke County may be candidates for two of the judgeships, and only persons who reside in  
31 Caldwell County may be candidates for ~~one~~ two of the judgeships."

32 **SECTION 2.(b)** Effective January 1, 2015, Section 1(b) of this act reads as  
33 rewritten:

34 "**SECTION 1.(b)** The ~~six~~ five district court judgeships established for residents of  
35 Catawba County by Section 1(a) of this act shall be filled by the district court judges serving



1 District 25 who reside in Catawba County on July 1, 2011. One of those judge's successors  
2 shall be elected for a four-year term in the 2012 general election, and the other ~~five~~ four judges'  
3 successors shall be elected for four-year terms in the 2014 general election."

4           **SECTION 2.(c)** Effective January 1, 2015, Section 1(d) of this act reads as  
5 rewritten:

6           **"SECTION 1.(d)** The district court ~~judgeship~~ judgeships established for residents of  
7 Caldwell County by Section 1(a) of this act shall be filled by the district court judge serving  
8 District 25 who resides in Caldwell County on ~~July 1, 2011.~~ July 1, 2011, and a judge elected in  
9 the 2014 general election who resides in Caldwell County. ~~That judge's~~ The successor to the  
10 judge who resides in Caldwell County on July 1, 2011, shall be elected for a four-year term in  
11 the 2014 general ~~election.~~ election, and the successor to the judge elected in the 2014 general  
12 election shall be elected for a four-year term in the 2018 general election."

13           **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this act becomes effective January 1, 2014, but the  
14 additional judge who must be a resident of Caldwell County shall be elected in the 2014  
15 general election. The remainder of this act becomes effective July 1, 2011.