

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH70431-LL-249 (04/10)

Short Title: Public Defender District 5. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Wright.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC DEFENDER'S
3 OFFICE IN DISTRICT 5.

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:

<u>Defender District</u>	<u>Counties</u>
12 1	Camden, Chowan, 13 Currituck, Dare, Gates, 14 Pasquotank, Perquimans
15 3A	Pitt
16 3B	Carteret
17 <u>5</u>	<u>New Hanover</u>
18 10	Wake
19 12	Cumberland
20 14	Durham
21 15B	Orange, Chatham
22 16A	Scotland, Hoke
23 16B	Robeson
24 18	Guilford
25 21	Forsyth
26 26	Mecklenburg
27 27A	Gaston

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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.