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HOUSE BILL 124

Short Title: Courts Comm'n/Study Judicial Districts. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Stevens, Duane Hall, Destin Hall, and Rogers (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Judiciary III

February 20, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT REQUESTING THE NORTH CAROLINA COURTS COMMISSION TO STUDY
2 THE ORGANIZATION OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, DISTRICT COURT,
3 PROSECUTORIAL, AND PUBLIC DEFENDER DISTRICTS, AS RECOMMENDED BY
4 THE NORTH CAROLINA COURTS COMMISSION.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The North Carolina Courts Commission is requested to study the current
8 organization of the superior court, district court, prosecutorial, and public defender districts and
9 the desirability of making changes to the organization of these districts. The Commission is
10 requested to include in its study a consideration of the following:

- 11 (1) The cost of redistricting.
12 (2) The time needed to implement any recommended changes.
13 (3) The desirability of achieving one or more of the following results:
14 a. Coterminous administrative districts (having the same counties in each of
15 the superior court, district court, prosecutorial, and public defender
16 districts).
17 b. Electoral parity (equal power of each vote).
18 c. Uniformity of election processes.
19 d. Uniformity in procedures for filling vacancies of judicial officials.
20 (4) Any other factors that the Commission deems relevant to its study.

21 The Commission is requested to present its final report, including any recommended
22 legislation, prior to the convening of the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

