

## Roy Cooper, Governor State of North Carolina

## GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

House Bill 717, "AN ACT TO REVISE THE JUDICIAL DIVISIONS; TO MAKE CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF COUNTIES TO THE SUPERIOR COURT, DISTRICT COURT, AND PROSECUTORIAL DISTRICTS; TO CLARIFY LISTING OF JUDICIAL SEATS ON THE BALLOT; AND TO LIMIT ROTATION OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES TO SIX MONTHS PER YEAR."

Legislative attempts to rig the courts by reducing the people's vote hurts justice. Piecemeal attempts to target judges create unnecessary confusion and show contempt for North Carolina's judiciary.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

Roy Coope Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018, at 9:25 pm for reconsideration by that body.

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