

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 743*

Short Title: Administrative Law Judge Salaries/AB.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Rand; Allran, Ballance, Ballantine, Blust, Cooper, Dalton, Gulley, Hartsell, Horton, Kerr, Miller, Plyler, Reeves, Soles, and Wellons.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 7, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO EQUALIZE THE SALARIES OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES
2 WITHIN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AT A PERCENTAGE
3 OF THE SALARY OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
4 HEARINGS.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. G.S. 7A-753 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 7A-753. Additional administrative law judges; appointment; specialization.**

9 The Chief Administrative Law Judge shall appoint additional administrative law
10 judges to serve in the Office of Administrative Hearings in such numbers as the General
11 Assembly provides. No person shall be appointed or designated an administrative law
12 judge except as provided in this Article.

13 The Chief Administrative Law Judge may designate certain administrative law judges
14 as having the experience and expertise to preside at specific types of contested cases and
15 assign only these designated administrative law judges to preside at those cases.

16 The salary of the Chief Administrative Law Judge is set under G.S. 7A-751. The
17 salary of the other administrative law judges shall be ninety percent (90%) of the salary
18 of the Chief Administrative Law Judge. In lieu of merit and other increment raises, an

1 administrative law judge shall receive longevity pay on the same basis as is provided to
2 employees of the State who are subject to the State Personnel Act."

3 Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of
4 Administrative Hearings the sum of one hundred three thousand two hundred six dollars
5 (\$103,206) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the same amount for fiscal year 1998-99 to
6 implement this act.

7 Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.