

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1398

Short Title: Determining Senior Resident Sup Ct Judge. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Goodwin; and Lucas.

Referred to: Ways and Means/Broadband Connectivity, if favorable, Judiciary I.

April 13, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE SENIOR RESIDENT
SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE FOR A DISTRICT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 7A-41.1(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) There shall be one and only one senior resident superior court judge for each district or set of districts as defined in subsection (a) of this section, who shall be:

(1) Where there is only one regular resident superior court judge for the district, that judge; and

(2) Where there are two or more regular resident superior court judges for the district or set of districts, ~~the judge who, from among all the regular resident superior court judges of the district or set of districts, has the most continuous service as a regular resident superior court judge; provided if two or more judges are of equal seniority, the oldest of those judges shall be the senior regular resident superior court judge.~~ the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall designate one of the judges as senior resident superior court judge to serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the Chief Justice."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2009, but each senior resident superior court judge seated on that date in a multi-judge district shall continue to serve as senior resident superior court judge until that judge vacates the seat.

