

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2025**

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**HOUSE BILL 1151**

Short Title: Additional Magistrates/Mecklenburg County. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives T. Brown, Helfrich, and Lopez (Primary Sponsors).  
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May 4, 2026

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MAGISTRATES FOR MECKLENBURG  
COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-133(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) Each county shall have the numbers of magistrates and additional seats of district court, as set forth in the following table:

County	Magistrates Min.	Additional Seats of Court
...		
Mecklenburg	<del>38</del> <u>543.5</u>	
...."		

**SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts the sum of four hundred five thousand five hundred eighty-five dollars (\$405,585) in recurring funds beginning in the 2026-2027 fiscal year to be used to hire five additional magistrates to serve in Mecklenburg County pursuant to Section 1 of this act. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts the sum of fifteen thousand one hundred forty dollars (\$15,140) in nonrecurring funds for the 2026-2027 fiscal year to be used to hire five additional magistrates to serve in Mecklenburg County pursuant to Section 1 of this act.

**SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2026.

