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SENATE DRS55189-LR-105 (03/15)

Short Title: Clerk of Court Pay Changes/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Apodaca.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AMENDING THE LAWS RELATED TO THE COMPENSATION OF
CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE
SALARY INCREASES ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE CHANGES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 7A-101(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The clerk of superior court is a full-time employee of the State and shall receive an annual salary, payable in equal monthly installments, based on the population of the county as determined in subsection (a1) of this section, according to the following schedule:

| Population | Annual Salary |
|---|---------------|
| Less than 100,000 <u>50,000</u> | \$71,659 |
| 100,000 <u>50,000</u> to 149,999 | 80,413 |
| 150,000 to 249,999 | 89,169 |
| 250,000 and above | 97,925. |

The salary schedule in this subsection is intended to represent the following approximate percentage of the salary of a chief district court judge:

| Population | Annual Salary |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Less than 100,000 | 73% |
| 100,000 to 149,999 | 82% |
| 150,000 to 249,999 | 91% |
| 250,000 and above | 100%. |

When a county changes from one population group to another, the salary of the clerk shall be changed, on July 1 of the fiscal year for which the change is reported, to the salary appropriate for the new population group, except that the salary of an incumbent clerk shall not be decreased by any change in population group during his continuance in office.

1 In addition to the salary rate provided by this subsection, the clerk of superior court
2 shall receive legislative pay increases as may be awarded by the General Assembly."

3 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Judicial
4 Department the sum of two hundred ninety-two thousand dollars (\$292,000) for the
5 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of two hundred ninety-two thousand dollars
6 (\$292,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to fund the salary increases authorized by this
7 act.

8 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.