

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2021**

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SENATE BILL 259

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

Sponsors: Senator Waddell (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 15, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO ADD TWO ADDITIONAL MAGISTRATES TO MECKLENBURG COUNTY
AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

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:

	Magistrates	Additional
County	Min.	Seats of Court
Camden	3	
Chowan	3	
Currituck	3	
Dare	4	
Gates	2	
Pasquotank	4	
Perquimans	3	
Martin	3	
Beaufort	4	
Tyrrell	3	
Hyde	3.5	
Washington	3	
Pitt	10.5	Farmville
		Ayden
Craven	8	Havelock
Pamlico	3	
Carteret	6	
Sampson	5	
Duplin	4	
Jones	2	
Onslow	11	
New Hanover	11	
Pender	3.8	
Halifax	7	Roanoke Rapids, Scotland Neck
Northampton	3	
Bertie	3	



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1	Hertford	3	
2	Nash	9	Rocky Mount
3	Edgecombe	7	Rocky Mount
4	Wilson	7	
5	Wayne	9	Mount Olive
6	Greene	3	
7	Lenoir	7	La Grange
8	Granville	5	
9	Vance	6	
10	Warren	3	
11	Franklin	4	
12	Person	4	
13	Caswell	3	
14	Wake	18.5	Apex, Wendell,
15			Fuquay-Varina,
16			Wake Forest
17	Harnett	8	Dunn
18	Johnston	10	Benson,
19			Clayton,
20			Selma
21	Lee	5	
22	Cumberland	19	
23	Bladen	3	
24	Brunswick	8	
25	Columbus	5	Tabor City
26	Durham	13	
27	Alamance	12	Burlington
28	Orange	7	Chapel Hill
29	Chatham	4	Siler City
30	Scotland	5	
31	Hoke	3	
32	Robeson	12	Fairmont,
33			Maxton,
34			Pembroke,
35			Red Springs,
36			Rowland,
37			St. Pauls
38	Rockingham	7	Reidsville,
39			Eden,
40			Madison
41	Stokes	3	
42	Surry	6	Mt. Airy
43	Guilford	24.4	High Point
44	Cabarrus	9	Kannapolis
45	Montgomery	3	
46	Randolph	9	Liberty
47	Rowan	9	
48	Stanly	5	
49	Union	7	
50	Anson	3	
51	Richmond	5	Hamlet

1	Moore	5	Southern
2			Pines
3	Forsyth	15	Kernersville
4	Alexander	3	
5	Davidson	8	Thomasville
6	Davie	3	
7	Iredell	9	Mooresville
8	Alleghany	2	
9	Ashe	3	
10	Wilkes	6	
11	Yadkin	3	
12	Avery	3	
13	Madison	3	
14	Mitchell	3	
15	Watauga	4	
16	Yancey	3	
17	Burke	5.6	
18	Caldwell	6	
19	Catawba	10	Hickory
20	Mecklenburg	26.50 28.50	
21	Gaston	17	
22	Cleveland	7	
23	Lincoln	5	
24	Buncombe	15	
25	Henderson	6.5	
26	McDowell	3	
27	Polk	3	
28	Rutherford	6	
29	Transylvania	3	
30	Cherokee	3	
31	Clay	2	
32	Graham	2	
33	Haywood	5	Canton
34	Jackson	3	
35	Macon	3	
36	Swain	3"	

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts the sum of one hundred thirty-seven thousand seventy-eight dollars (\$137,078) in recurring funds for each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium and six thousand fifty-six dollars (\$6,056) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to be used to hire two additional magistrates to serve in Mecklenburg County pursuant to Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.