



HOUSE BILL 677: Amend Who Can Serve on Three-Judge Panel.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 677 would permit district court judges to be appointed to a three-judge panel determining the validity of acts apportioning or redistricting State legislative or congressional districts or the validity of facial challenges to other acts of the General Assembly.*

CURRENT LAW: Under G.S. 1-267.1, a three-judge panel may be appointed to hear redistricting challenges or facial challenges to acts of the General Assembly. Current law permits only superior court judges to be appointed to the panels.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 677 would amend G.S. 1-267.1 to allow the appointment of both superior court judges and district court judges to any three-judge panel formed to hear a challenge to the validity of a redistricting act or a facial challenge to any other act of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill would be effective when it becomes law.

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