



SENATE BILL 346: Change Superior Ct & District Ct Numbers.

2017-2018 General Assembly

Committee:	House Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	June 27, 2018
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Analysis of:	PCS to Third Edition S346-CSBK-52		

OVERVIEW: *The proposed committee substitute for Senate Bill 346 would remove the contents of the third edition and substitute provisions aligning the Superior Court district numbers and the District Court district numbers to the Prosecutorial district numbers, effective January 1, 2019.*

CURRENT LAW: Each Superior Court district, each District Court district, and each Prosecutorial district are assigned a numerical reference in the statutes. G.S. 7A-41, G.S. 7A-133, and G.S. 7A-60. Historically, the three numerical references have been associated with each other, when the counties assigned to those districts also aligned with each other.

In 2017, in the budget bill, the General Assembly renumbered the Prosecutorial districts. G.S. 7A-60, Section 18B.9 of S.L. 2017-57.

In 2018, the General Assembly modified the several Superior Court districts, District Court districts, and Prosecutorial districts with respect to counties and geography and district reference number. S.L.2018-5 (SB 99), S.L. 2018-14 (SB 757), and HB 717 (pending veto override).

BILL ANALYSIS: The proposed committee substitute would do all of the following:

- Renumber the Superior Court districts and the District Court districts, to more closely align to the current Prosecutorial district number.
- Reassign Alamance County to the Third Judicial Division, from the Fourth Judicial Division, if HB 717 becomes law.
- Make technical corrections to S.L. 2018-5, S.L. 2018-14, and HB 717. Effective when the bill becomes law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Except as otherwise provided, effective January 1, 2019.

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