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SENATE BILL 217: Correct Prosecutorial District Numbers.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate Judiciary. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	March 20, 2019
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OVERVIEW: Senate Bill 217 rennumbers the Prosecutorial Districts in North Carolina to align the Prosecutorial district numbers to the Superior Court district numbers and District Court district numbers.

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 North Carolina's Prosecutorial districts. G.S. 7A-60, Section 18B.9 of S.L. 2017-57.

In 2018, the General Assembly restructured the assignments of various Prosecutorial districts throughout the state with respect to counties and geography and district reference number. S.L. 2018-5, S.L. 2018-14, and S.L. 2018-121.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 of the bill rennumbers the Prosecutorial districts to more closely align to the current Superior Court district numbers and District Court district numbers, effective July 1, 2019. The bill also authorizes the Revisor of Statutes to reorder the list of Prosecutorial districts in numerical order.

Section 2 of the bill rennumbers the Prosecutorial districts consisting of Burke, Caldwell, and Catawba Counties to align with the Superior Court districts for those counties, effective upon the split of that district into two separate districts on January 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Except as otherwise provided, this bill is effective when it becomes law.

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