



2023-2024 General Assembly

SENATE BILL 382: Disaster Relief-3/Budget/Various Law Changes, Sec. 3C.3: Superior Court Judges Shall Serve in that Capacity at the Pleasure of the Chief Justice

Committee:		Date:	January 8, 2025
Introduced by:		Prepared by:	Kristen L. Harris
Analysis of:	Sec. 3C.3 of S.L. 2024-57		Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: Section 3C.3 of S.L. 2024-57 directs the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to designate one regular resident superior court judge to serve in that capacity for a district or set of districts when there are two or more regular resident superior court judges for the district or set of districts.

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on November 26, 2024, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on December 11, 2024. This section became effective December 11, 2024.

BILL ANALYSIS: Section 3C.3 of S.L. 2024-57 directs the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to designate one regular resident superior court judge to serve in that capacity for a district or set of districts when there are two or more regular resident superior court judges for the district or set of districts. The designated judge will serve at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

If a senior resident superior court judge for a district or set of districts declines to exercise his or her authority under the statute prior to the Chief Justice designating a senior resident superior court judge, the next most senior regular resident superior court judge in service or age must serve. Once the Chief Justice has designated a senior resident superior court judge, that judge will exercise the authority under the statute.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill was vetoed by the Governor on November 26, 2024, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on December 11, 2024. This section became effective on December 11, 2024.

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