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SENATE BILL 49

Short Title: Director of AOC Retirement Option. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Bingham (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Pensions & Retirement and Aging.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW AN INCOMING DIRECTOR OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS TO ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN EITHER THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 7A-341 reads as rewritten:

"§ 7A-341. Appointment and compensation of Director.

The Director shall be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, to serve at his pleasure. He shall receive the annual salary provided in the Current Operations Appropriations Act, payable monthly, and reimbursement for travel and subsistence expenses at the same rate as State employees generally and longevity pay at the rates and for the service designated in G.S. 7A-44(b) for a judge of the superior court. ServiceAt the time of appointment, an incoming Director shall have the option to elect to participate in the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System or in the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System. If the Director elects to participate in the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System, service as Director shall be equivalent to service as a superior court judge for the purposes of entitlement to retirement pay or to retirement for disability."

SECTION 2. G.S. 135-53(9) reads as rewritten:

"(9) "Judge" shall mean any justice or judge of the General Court of Justice and the administrative officer of the ~~courts~~-courts, if the administrative officer of the courts elects to participate in this System pursuant to G.S. 7A-341."

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2013, and applies to persons who are appointed Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts on or after that date.

