

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 592*

Short Title: Public Defender District 29B. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Justus.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 13, 2007

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC DEFENDER'S
3 OFFICE IN DISTRICT 29B.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-498.7(a) reads as rewritten:

6 "(a) The following counties of the State are organized into the defender districts
7 listed below, and in each of those defender districts an office of public defender is
8 established:

<u>Defender District</u>	<u>Counties</u>
1	Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank, Perquimans
3A	Pitt
3B	Carteret
10	Wake
12	Cumberland
14	Durham
15B	Orange, Chatham
16A	Scotland, Hoke
16B	Robeson
18	Guilford
21	Forsyth
26	Mecklenburg
27A	Gaston
28	Buncombe
<u>29B</u>	<u>Henderson, Polk, Transylvania</u>

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1 After notice to, and consultation with, the affected district bar, senior resident superior
2 court judge, and chief district court judge, the Commission on Indigent Defense
3 Services may recommend to the General Assembly that a district or regional public
4 defender office be established. A legislative act is required in order to establish a new
5 office or to abolish an existing office."

6 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.