

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE DRS55207-LL-147A\* (3/6)**

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

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Sponsors: Senator Apodaca.

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Referred to:

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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>
12 1	Camden, Chowan, 13 Currituck, Dare, Gates, 14 Pasquotank, Perquimans
15 3A	Pitt
16 3B	Carteret
17 10	Wake
18 12	Cumberland
19 14	Durham
20 15B	Orange, Chatham
21 16A	Scotland, Hoke
22 16B	Robeson
23 18	Guilford
24 21	Forsyth
25 26	Mecklenburg
26 27A	Gaston
27 28	Buncombe

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Henderson, Polk, Transylvania

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

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