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HOUSE DRH10812-LL-190 (3/20)

Short Title: Determining Senior Resident Sup Ct Judge.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Goodwin.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE SENIOR RESIDENT
3 SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE FOR A DISTRICT.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-41.1(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b) There shall be one and only one senior resident superior court judge for each district
7 or set of districts as defined in subsection (a) of this section, who shall be:

8 (1) Where there is only one regular resident superior court judge for the district,
9 that judge; and

10 (2) Where there are two or more regular resident superior court judges for the
11 district or set of districts, ~~the judge who, from among all the regular resident~~
12 ~~superior court judges of the district or set of districts, has the most~~
13 ~~continuous service as a regular resident superior court judge; provided if two~~
14 ~~or more judges are of equal seniority, the oldest of those judges shall be the~~
15 ~~senior regular resident superior court judge.~~ the Chief Justice of the Supreme
16 Court shall designate one of the judges as senior resident superior court
17 judge to serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the Chief Justice."

18 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2009, but each senior resident
19 superior court judge seated on that date in a multi-judge district shall continue to serve as senior
20 resident superior court judge until that judge vacates the seat.

