

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1961 SESSION

CHAPTER 1196
HOUSE BILL 1121

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A LAW LIBRARY FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND
COURTS IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR EQUIPPING
AND FURNISHING THE COURTROOM IN THE BRUNSWICK COUNTY
COURTHOUSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, the Clerk of the Superior Court, and the President of the Brunswick County Bar Association and their successors in office are hereby constituted the custodian of all books, supplies, equipment and furniture of the law library which shall be kept and maintained for the County of Brunswick and the use of the officials of the said county and the courts held therein, and of the books, furniture, equipment and fixtures to be provided and maintained in the courtroom of the Brunswick County Courthouse.

Sec. 2. All books, equipment, supplies and furniture of the said library, and in the said courtroom shall be the property of the County of Brunswick, and the said county is authorized and empowered to hold said property and to add to the same from time to time such books, records, equipment and furniture as may be deemed reasonably necessary for the use of said officials and courts.

Sec. 3. The Clerk of the Superior Court of Brunswick County is hereby constituted to act as librarian of said library without compensation. It shall be the duty of said librarian to keep said library room open during such hours as may be fixed by the custodian hereinbefore provided for, and shall obey all rules and regulations which may be prescribed for the government and management of said library.

Sec. 4. In order to provide a fund for the extension and maintenance and support of the said library, and the procurement and maintenance of equipment, fixtures, and furniture in the courtroom of the Brunswick County Courthouse, the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) shall be taxed as costs and collected by the Clerk of the Superior Court in each and every case tried and disposed of in the Superior Court of Brunswick County, except in cases in which the said county is adjudged to pay all costs, and shall be set apart in a fund to be known and designated as a library and courtroom fund, and said fund shall be deposited with the County Auditor of Brunswick County for use solely for the purpose of the extension, maintenance and operation of the library, and the procurement and maintenance of furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the courtroom of said county.

Sec. 5. It shall also be the duty of the Clerk of the Recorder's Court of Brunswick County, after the effective date of this Act, to collect from the defendant in each and every case finally disposed in his court, except in cases in which Brunswick County is adjudged to pay all costs, the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) which amount shall be immediately paid over to the Clerk of the Superior Court of Brunswick County to supplement the aforesaid library fund, and which shall be expended in the way and manner provided in this Act.

Sec. 6. From the funds so collected from time to time as provided in Sections 4 and 5 of this Act, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Superior Court to purchase such volumes and sets of books as shall be recommended and agreed upon from time to time by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Brunswick County, the Clerk of the Superior Court of the said County and a committee to be appointed annually by the Brunswick Bar Association, and to purchase such furniture, fixtures, and equipment as may be recommended and agreed upon from time to time by the said officials and committee, All checks on the said account shall be drawn and signed by the County Auditor of Brunswick County, and it shall be the duty of said auditor to keep a correct account of all receipts and disbursements in connection with said funds.

Sec. 7. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict herewith regarding the disposition of costs received by the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Brunswick County are hereby repealed.

Sec. S. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 22nd day of June, 1961.