

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 704  
HOUSE BILL 1158

AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 7A-27 TO PROVIDE THAT APPEALS IN CRIMINAL CASES AFTER PLEAS OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE SHALL BE ONLY BY WRIT OF CERTIORARI.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 7A-27(a) and (b) are rewritten to read as follows:

"(a) From a judgment of a superior court which includes a sentence of death or imprisonment for life, unless the judgment was based on a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, appeal lies of right directly to the Supreme Court.

(b) From any final judgment of a superior court, other than one described in subsection (a) of this section, or one based on a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or one entered in a post-conviction hearing under Article 22 of Chapter 15, including any final judgment entered upon review of a decision of an administrative agency, appeal lies of right to the Court of Appeals."

**Sec. 2.** This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 23rd day of May, 1973.