

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 1047  
HOUSE BILL 240

AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 7A-16 TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF JUDGES OF THE  
COURT OF APPEALS FROM NINE JUDGES TO TWELVE JUDGES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 7A-16 is hereby amended by inserting after the fourth paragraph thereof as it now appears in the 1975 Cumulative Supplement to Volume 1B of the General Statutes the following:

"Effective January 1, 1977, the number of judges is increased to 12; and the Governor, on or after July 1, 1977, shall make temporary appointments to the additional judgeships thus created. The appointees shall serve until January 1, 1979. Their successors shall be elected at the general election for members of the General Assembly in November, 1978, and shall take office on January 1, 1979, to serve the remainder of the unexpired term which began on January 1, 1977."

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of July, 1977.