

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 841
SENATE BILL 199

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 84 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA RELATING TO ATTORNEYS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 84 of the General Statutes of North Carolina is hereby amended by adding a new section immediately following G.S. 84-5, to be designated as G.S. 84-5.1, and to read as follows:

"§ 84-5.1. Rendering of indigent legal services by nonprofit corporations. — Subject to the rules and regulations of the North Carolina State Bar, as approved by the Supreme Court of North Carolina, a nonprofit corporation, organized under Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina for the sole purpose of rendering indigent legal services, may render such services through attorneys duly licensed to practice law in North Carolina."

Sec. 2. (a) G.S. 84-17 is hereby amended by inserting the following sentence immediately following the first sentence on line 10 as the same appears on page 321 of the 1975 Replacement Volume of the General Statutes:

"Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, the North Carolina State Bar shall have the power and authority to acquire, hold, rent, encumber, alienate, and otherwise deal with real or personal property in the same manner as any private person or corporation, subject only to the approval of the Governor and the Council of State as to the acquisition, rental, encumbering, leasing and sale of real property. The North Carolina State Bar Council is authorized and empowered in its discretion to utilize the services of the Purchase and Contract Division of the Department of Administration for the procurement of personal property, in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes."

(b) G.S. 84-23, as the same appears in the 1975 Supplement to the General Statutes, is hereby amended by adding the following at the end of line 8:

"to acquire, hold, rent, encumber, alienate, and otherwise deal with real or personal property in the same manner as any private person or corporation, subject only to the approval of the Governor and the Council of State as to the acquisition, rental, encumbering, leasing and sale of real property. The North Carolina State Bar Council is authorized and empowered in its discretion to utilize the services of the Purchase and Contract Division of the Department of Administration for the procurement of personal property, in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes."

(c) G.S. 84-24, as the same appears in the 1975 Replacement Volume of the General Statutes, is hereby amended in line 8 by striking out the word "nine" at the end of the line, and inserting the figure "11" in lieu thereof, it being the intent and purpose of this amendment to increase the membership of the State Board of Law Examiners from nine to 11.

(d) G.S. 84-34 is hereby amended by striking out the words and figures "forty-five dollars (\$45.00)" and inserting in lieu thereof the words and figures "seventy-five dollars (\$75.00)" and this amendment relating to membership fees shall become effective January 1, 1978.

Sec. 3. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. Except as herein otherwise specifically provided, the provisions of this act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 30th day of June, 1977.