## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1985 SESSION

## CHAPTER 60 SENATE BILL 59

## AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTES RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF COUNCILORS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR UNIFORM RULES AND TERMS OF OFFICE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 84-17 is amended by adding a new sentence at the end of the second unnumbered paragraph to read as follows:

"A councilor whose seat has been eliminated due to a reallocation shall continue to serve on the council until expiration of the remainder of the current term."

Sec. 2. G.S. 84-18(a) is amended by rewriting the first sentence to read as follows:

"Except as set out in this section, the terms of councilors are fixed at three years commencing on the first day of January in the year following their election. A year shall be the calendar year."

Sec. 3. G.S. 84-18(b) is rewritten to read as follows:

"(b) The State Bar Council may promulgate rules to govern the election and appointment of councilors. The election and appointment of councilors shall be as follows:

Each judicial district bar shall elect one eligible North Carolina State Bar member for each State Bar Council vacancy in the district. Any vacancy occurring after the election, whether caused by resignation, death or otherwise shall be filled by the judicial district bar in which the vacancy occurs. The appointment shall be for the unexpired portion of the term and shall be certified to the State Bar Council by the judicial district bar. Any appointed councilor shall be subject to the terms set forth in subsection (a) of G.S. 84-18."

Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 4th day of April, 1985.