

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1997 SESSION

S.L. 1997-82
HOUSE BILL 192

AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NORTH
CAROLINA COURTS COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 7A-506 reads as rewritten:

"§ 7A-506. Creation; members; terms; qualifications; vacancies.

(a) The North Carolina Courts Commission is created. Effective July 1, 1993, it shall consist of 24-28 members, ~~six-seven~~ to be appointed by the Governor, ~~six-seven~~ to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, ~~six-seven~~ to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and ~~six-seven~~ to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

(b) Of the appointees of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, one shall be a Justice of the Supreme Court, one shall be a Judge of the Court of Appeals, two shall be judges of superior court, ~~and two~~ shall be district court ~~judges-judges~~, and one shall be a public member who is not an attorney and who is not an officer or employee of the Judicial Department.

(c) Of the ~~six-seven~~ appointees of the Governor, one shall be a district attorney, one shall be a practicing attorney, one shall be a clerk of superior court, at least three shall be members of the General Assembly, ~~and at least one-two~~ shall not be ~~an attorney-attorneys~~, and of the nonattorneys, one shall be a public member who is not an officer or employee of the Judicial Department.

(d) Of the ~~six-seven~~ appointees of the Speaker of the House, at least three shall be practicing attorneys, at least three shall be members of the General Assembly, ~~and at least one-two~~ shall not be ~~an attorney-attorneys~~, and of the non-attorneys, one shall be a public member who is not an officer or employee of the Judicial Department.

(e) Of the ~~six-seven~~ appointees of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, at least three shall be practicing attorneys, at least three shall be members of the General Assembly, ~~and at least one~~ shall be a ~~magistrate-magistrate~~, and one shall be a public member who is not an attorney and who is not an officer or employee of the Judicial Department.

(f) Of the initial appointments of each appointing authority, three shall be appointed for four-year terms to begin July 1, 1993, and three shall be appointed for two-year terms to begin July 1, 1993. The two public members appointed by the Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be appointed for four-year terms to begin July 1, 1997. The two public members appointed by the Chief

Justice and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be appointed for two-year terms to begin July 1, 1997. Successors shall be appointed for four-year terms.

(g) A vacancy in membership shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the appointing authority who made the original appointment. A member whose term expires may be reappointed."

Section 2. G.S. 7A-507 reads as rewritten:

"§ 7A-507. Ex officio members.

The following additional members shall serve ex officio: the Administrative Officer of the Courts; a representative of the N. C. State Bar appointed by the Council thereof; and a representative of the N. C. Bar Association appointed by the Board of Governors thereof. ~~Ex officio members have no vote.~~ The Administrative Officer of the Courts has no vote."

Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 15th day of May, 1997.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.
Governor

Approved 5:48 p.m. this 22nd day of May, 1997