

June 17, 2002

S 1445. CLARIFY JURISDICTION. *TO CLARIFY JURISDICTION OF THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS AND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.* Adds new GS 7A-33.1 to provide that a court may hear and decide cases involving the NC Constitution and may issue remedial orders. Such orders may include injunctions, writs of prohibition, or similar orders to enjoin or restrain the execution or operation of the unconstitutional act. But prohibits the court from adopting any order or writ that constitutes a legislative act or that would function as one. Act is declaratory of existing provisions of NC Constitution and applies to pending cases.

Appropriates \$50,000 for fiscal 2002-2003 to the State Board of Elections to defray expenses associated with review and preclearance activities under sec. 5 of the 1965 Voting Rights Act with respect to the North Carolina Supreme Court case of *Stephenson v. Bartlett*.

Intro. by Clodfelter.

To be referred 6-18	GS 7A, APPROP
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