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HOUSE BILL 754

Short Title: Qualifications for Magistrates.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Culpepper.

Referred to: Judiciary IV.

March 27, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AMEND THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR PERSONS NOMINATED AS
2 MAGISTRATES.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-171.2(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b) To be eligible for nomination as a magistrate, an individual shall have at least
7 12 years' experience as a clerk of superior court in this State, or shall have a four-year
8 degree from an accredited senior institution of higher education or shall have a two-year
9 associate degree and four years of work experience in a related field, including teaching,
10 social services, law enforcement, arbitration or mediation, the court system, or
11 counseling. The Administrative Officer of the Courts may determine whether the work
12 experience is sufficiently related to the duties of the office of magistrate for the
13 purposes of this subsection. In determining whether an individual's work experience is
14 in a related field, the Administrative Officer of the Courts shall consider the requisite
15 knowledge, skills, and abilities for the office of magistrate.

16 The eligibility requirements prescribed by this subsection do not apply to individuals
17 holding the office of magistrate on June 30, 1994, and do not apply to individuals who
18 have been nominated by June 30, 1994, but who have not been appointed or taken the
19 oath of office by that date."

20 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.