March 16, 2005

H 650. BUSINESS COURT CASES/FEE. *TO PROVIDE FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF SPECIAL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES TO HEAR COMPLEX BUSINESS CASES AND TO AUTHORIZE A LARGER FEE FOR THOSE CASES*. Adds new GS 7A-45.3 authorizing the Chief Justice to designate one or more of the special superior court judges to hear and decide complex business cases. Amends GS 7A-305(a)(2) to provide that cases assigned to a special superior court judge as a complex business case shall be assessed court costs of $269 rather than $69. Effective January 1, 2006.

Intro. by Glazier, Haire.

Ref. to Judiciary IV GS 7A

March 28, 2005

H 650. BUSINESS COURT CASES/FEE. Intro. 3/16/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Requires that the additional fee of $200 for assignment to a special superior court judge as a complex business case be deposited in a special fund in the State Treasurer's office to defray the costs of operating the business court. Makes technical change.

June 14, 2005

H 650. BUSINESS COURT CASES/FEE. Intro. 3/16/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Deletes proposed amendment to GS 7A-305(a) requiring deposit of additional $200 filing fee for business court cases into special fund in State Treasurer's office to defray costs of operating business court. Amends GS 7A-140 and table entries in GS 163-1 to provide that terms for district judges will begin on the first day in January following election (was, first Monday in December). Provides that judges in office on first Monday in December 2006 or 2008 continue until their successors begin their terms and are duly qualified. Conforms title and makes technical changes.

August 13, 2005

H 650. BUSINESS COURT CASES/FEE. Intro. 3/16/05. Senate committee substitute adopted 8/12/05 makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Provides that special superior court judges designated to hear complex business cases will be named as business court judges and will preside in the business court. Allows Chief Justice to designate one of these judges as the senior business court judge. In absence of such designation, the judge with the longest term of service on the court will be the senior business court judge. Effective for cases filed on or after January 1, 2006, enacts new GS 7A-45.4 defining "mandatory complex business case" and specifying procedure by which a party may designate, or object to the designation of, a case as a mandatory complex business case. Provides procedure by which business court judge may determine that designated case is not a mandatory complex business case and for review of the judge's determination by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Provides that all proceedings in a complex business case must be before the business court judge to whom it is assigned.

August 23, 2005

H 650. BUSINESS COURT CASES/FEE. Intro. 3/16/05. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 4th edition. Makes technical changes only.

October 5, 2005

SL 2005-425 (H 650). BUSINESS COURT CASES/FEE. *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF SPECIAL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES TO HEAR COMPLEX BUSINESS CASES, TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR ASSIGNING COMPLEX BUSINESS CASES, TO AUTHORIZE A LARGER FEE FOR COMPLEX BUSINESS CASES, AND TO CHANGE THE DATE DISTRICT COURT JUDGES TAKE OFFICE.* Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/16/05,

3/28/05, 6/14/05, 8/13/05, and 8/23/05. Enacted September 22, 2005. Sections 1.1, 1.2, and 2 are effective January 1, 2006. Sections 3.1 and 3.2 are effective September 22, 2005.