

January 24, 2007

S 12. RECOVERY OF COSTS IN CIVIL CASES. Filed 1/24/07. *TO CLARIFY THE COURT'S DISCRETION TO ALLOW COURT COSTS.* Resolves conflicting interpretations by the Court of Appeals relating to court costs by amending GS 6-20 and GS 7A-305(d) to specify that the court's discretion to award costs is limited to costs recoverable under GS 7A-305(d), subject to statutory exceptions but not to common law exceptions. Further amends GS 7A-305(d) to include as recoverable costs (1) mediator fees and (2) deposition and expert witness fees that are reasonable and necessary. Makes technical change. Effective for motions filed on or after May 1, 2007.

Intro. by Boseman.

GS 6, 7A