

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2013

HOUSE BILL 161  
RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR MAGISTRATES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-170 reads as rewritten:

"§ 7A-170. **Nature of office and ~~oath~~oath; age limit for service.**

(a) A magistrate is an officer of the district court. Before entering upon the duties of his office, a magistrate shall take the oath of office prescribed for a magistrate of the General Court of Justice. A magistrate possesses all the powers of his office at all times during his term.

(b) No magistrate may continue in office beyond the last day of the month in which the magistrate reaches the mandatory retirement age for justices and judges of the General Court of Justice specified in G.S. 7A-4.20."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2015, and applies to individuals whose terms of office as magistrates begin on or after the effective date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

s/ Daniel J. Forest  
President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Pat McCrory  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

