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HOUSE BILL 879  
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/24/13

Short Title: Grand Jurors/Service.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 15, 2013

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT JURORS WHO SERVE THEIR FULL TERM OF SERVICE  
3 ON A GRAND JURY SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO SERVE AGAIN AS A GRAND  
4 JUROR OR AS A JUROR FOR A PERIOD OF SIX YEARS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 9-3 reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 9-3. Qualifications of prospective jurors.

8 All persons are qualified to serve as jurors and to be included on the master jury list who  
9 are citizens of the State and residents of the county, who have not served as jurors during the  
10 preceding two ~~years, years~~ or who have not served a full term of service as grand jurors during  
11 the preceding six years, who are 18 years of age or over, who are physically and mentally  
12 competent, who can understand the English language, who have not been convicted of a felony  
13 or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to an indictment charging a felony (or if convicted of a  
14 felony or having pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to an indictment charging a felony have had  
15 their citizenship restored pursuant to law), and who have not been adjudged non compos  
16 mentis. Persons not qualified under this section are subject to challenge for cause."

17 SECTION 2. G.S. 9-7 reads as rewritten:

18 "§ 9-7. Notation on master jury list of names of jurors who have served; retention.

19 (a) The names of persons summoned for jury service and the date or dates on which  
20 each person served shall be noted on the master jury list. This information shall be retained for  
21 two years, and persons shall be exempt from jury service for a period of two years from the  
22 date on which they were discharged from their prior ~~service~~-service, except as provided in  
23 subsection (b) of this section.

24 (b) The names of persons summoned for jury service who served a full term on the  
25 grand jury pursuant to G.S. 15A-622, the date or dates on which each person served, and a  
26 notation that the person served the full term of service as a grand juror shall be noted on the  
27 master list. This information shall be retained for six years, and persons shall be exempt from  
28 jury service for a period of six years from the date on which they were discharged from their  
29 prior service."

30 SECTION 3. G.S. 15A-622 reads as rewritten:

31 "§ 15A-622. Formation and organization of grand juries; other preliminary matters.

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33 (i) Any grand juror who serves the full term of service under subsection (b) or  
34 subsection (h) of this section shall not be required to serve again as a grand juror or as a juror  
35 for a period of six years."

36 SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.

