

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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S.L. 1997-72
SENATE BILL 800

AN ACT TO TRANSFER THE AUTHORITY TO EMPLOY AN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR THE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE TO THE COMMISSION CHAIR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 7A-375(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The Judicial Standards Commission shall consist of: one Court of Appeals judge, one superior court judge, and one district court judge, each appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; two members of the State Bar who have actively practiced in the courts of the State for at least 10 years, elected by the State Bar Council; and two citizens who are not judges, active or retired, nor members of the State Bar, appointed by the Governor. The Court of Appeals judge shall act as ~~chairman~~ chair of the Commission."

Section 2. G.S. 7A-377(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) The chair of the Commission is authorized to employ an executive secretary to assist ~~it~~ the Commission in carrying out its duties. For specific cases, the Commission may also employ special counsel or call upon the Attorney General to furnish counsel. For specific cases, the Commission may also employ an investigator or call upon the Director of the State Bureau of Investigation to furnish an investigator. While performing duties for the Commission such executive secretary, special counsel or investigator shall have authority throughout the State to serve subpoenas or other process issued by the Commission in the same manner and with the same effect as an officer authorized to serve process of the General Court of Justice."

Section 3. This act becomes effective October 1, 1997.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 14th day of May, 1997.

s/ Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.
Governor

Approved 9:54 a.m. this 22nd day of May, 1997