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SENATE BILL 229

Short Title: District Court Judge Retirement Age. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Swindell; Bingham, Holloman, Jenkins, Kerr, Kinnaird, Snow, Soles, and Thomas.

Referred to: Pensions & Retirement and Aging.

February 28, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW A DISTRICT COURT JUDGE WHO REACHES THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THE JUDGE'S TERM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 7A-4.20 reads as rewritten:

"§ 7A-4.20. Age limit for service as justice or judge: exception.

(a) ~~No~~ Except as otherwise provided in this section, no justice or judge of the General Court of Justice may continue in office beyond the last day of the month in which ~~he~~ the judge attains his or her seventy-second birthday, but justices and judges so retired may be recalled for periods of temporary service as provided in Subchapters II and III of this ~~chapter~~. Chapter.

(b) A district court judge who attains his or her seventy-second birthday during a term of office may continue in office until the expiration of the term for which the judge was elected or appointed to serve."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2005, and applies to judges who have not attained their seventy-second birthday on or before that date.