

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 799
SENATE BILL 548

AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 7A-465 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENDER IN THE TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AND TO AMEND G.S. 7A-466 TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER BY THE SENIOR RESIDENT SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE OF THAT JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacted:

Section 1. The first paragraph of G.S. 7A-465, as the same appears in the 1969 Replacement Volume 1B of the General Statutes, is hereby amended by adding a new sentence at the end thereof which shall read as follows:

"The office of public defender is established, effective July 1, 1973, in the twenty-eighth judicial district."

Sec. 2. The first paragraph of G.S. 7A-466, as the same appears in the 1969 Replacement Volume 1B of the General Statutes, is hereby amended by rewriting it to read as follows:

"§ 7A-466. **Selection of defender, term; removal.** — The public defender in the twelfth and eighteenth judicial districts shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of not less than two names and not more than three names nominated by written ballot of the attorneys resident in the district who are licensed to practice law in North Carolina. The public defender in the twenty-eighth judicial district shall be appointed by the senior resident superior court judge of that judicial district from a list of not less than two names and not more than three names nominated by written ballot of the attorneys resident in the district who are licensed to practice law in North Carolina. The balloting shall be conducted pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Administrative Office of the Courts. The term of office of the public defender in the twelfth and eighteenth judicial districts is four years beginning January 1, 1970, and each fourth year thereafter. The term of office of the public defender in the twenty-eighth judicial district is four years beginning July 1, 1973, and each fourth year thereafter."

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1973.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 24th day of May, 1973.