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SENATE BILL 210

Short Title: Authorize Chief Magistrates. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Parmon, Brunstetter (Primary Sponsors); and Clark.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

March 7, 2013

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF MAGISTRATES.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-146 reads as rewritten:

5 "**§ 7A-146. Administrative authority and duties of chief district judge.**

6 The chief district judge, subject to the general supervision of the Chief Justice of the
7 Supreme Court, has administrative supervision and authority over the operation of the district
8 courts and magistrates in his district. These powers and duties include, but are not limited to,
9 the following:

10 ...
11 (4) Assigning matters to magistrates, and consistent with the salaries set by the
12 Administrative Officer of the Courts, prescribing times and places at which
13 magistrates shall be available for the performance of their duties; however,
14 the chief district judge may in writing delegate his authority to prescribe
15 times and places at which magistrates in a particular county shall be
16 available for the performance of their duties to another district court judge or
17 the clerk of the superior court, or the judge may appoint a chief magistrate to
18 fulfill some or all of the duties under subdivision (12) of this section, and the
19 person to whom such authority is delegated shall make monthly reports to
20 the chief district judge of the times and places actually served by each
21 magistrate.

22 ...
23 (12) Designating a full-time magistrate in a county to serve as chief magistrate
24 for that county for an indefinite term and at the judge's pleasure. The chief
25 magistrate shall have the derivative administrative authority assigned by the
26 chief district court judge under subdivision (4) of this section. This
27 subdivision applies only to counties in which the chief district court judge
28 determines that designating a chief magistrate would be in the interest of
29 justice."

30 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

