

May 11, 2000

H 1502. ADVERSE WEATHER COURT CLOSING. *TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL COURT OFFICIALS TO RESPOND TO ADVERSE WEATHER AND OTHER EMERGENCY SITUATIONS BY CANCELING COURT SESSIONS AND CLOSING COURT OFFICES AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF JUSTICE TO EXTEND STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS AND OTHER COMPARABLE DEADLINES IN RESPONSE TO CATASTROPHIC CONDITIONS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA COURTS COMMISSION.* Adds GS 7A-39(a) permitting cancellation of court sessions by court officials and closing of court offices by judicial branch hiring authorities, pursuant to uniform guidelines prescribed by Director of Administrative Office of Courts. Adds GS 7A-39(b) permitting Chief Justice, after determining that catastrophic conditions (as defined in subsection) exist or have existed in one or more counties, to extend by not fewer than 10 days the time within which pleadings, motions, notices, or other documents or papers must be filed in various court proceedings. Adds GS 7A-39(c) making clear that any judge or other judicial officer may exercise in chambers or ex parte jurisdiction conferred by law, regardless of closing of court, canceling of court sessions, or extension of deadlines. Effective July 1, 2000.

Intro. by Sutton.

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H 1502. ADVERSE WEATHER COURT CLOSING. Intro. 5/11/00. House amendment makes the following changes to 1st edition. Includes ice storm as event that can trigger catastrophic conditions.

July 6, 2000

H 1502. ADVERSE WEATHER COURT CLOSING. Intro. 5/11/00. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Changes effective date to date act becomes law (was July 1, 2000).