

April 7, 1999

**H 939. RAISE SMALL CLAIMS AMOUNT.** *TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT THAT MAY BE IN CONTROVERSY IN SMALL CLAIMS COURT.* Amends GS 7A-210 to increase from \$3,000 to \$4,000 maximum amount in controversy for small claims cases. Effective July 1, 1999.

**Intro. by Goodwin.**

Ref. to Judiciary III

GS 7A

April 21, 1999

**H 939. RAISE SMALL CLAIMS AMOUNT.** Intro. 4/7/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Increases to \$5,000 (now, \$3,000; was, \$4,000) the maximum amount that may be in controversy in small claims court. Makes act effective Oct. 1, 1999 (was, July 1, 1999).

July 12, 1999

**H 939. RAISE SMALL CLAIMS COUNSEL/WAIVER.** Intro. 4/7/99. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Raises small claim jurisdictional amount to \$4,000 (House version increased to \$5,000). Amends GS 7A-273 and -292 to provide that a magistrate who is licensed to practice law has the additional authority, if so assigned by the chief district judge, to accept waivers of counsel in criminal cases and in civil contempt cases.

July 20, 1999

**H 939. RAISE SMALL CLAIMS AMOUNT.** Intro. 4/7/99. Conference report recommends the following changes to 3rd edition to reconcile matters in controversy. Deletes provisions granting additional powers to magistrates to accept binding waivers of counsel in criminal cases and civil contempt cases.