

February 17, 1999

**H 94. SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ELECTIONS.** *TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO ALLOW ELECTION OF SUPERIOR COURT BY DIVISION, AND TO IMPLEMENT THAT AMENDMENT.* Amends Article IV of NC Constitution to allow General Assembly to use judicial divisions as unit of election for superior court (now, may use district or state); prohibits Chief Justice from assigning regular judges of superior court outside of division, unless it is emergency; and requires General Assembly to divide state into at least eight divisions. Sets amendment for November 2, 1999 general election. If amendment passes, amends GS 7A-41.2 to establish division as unit of election for superior court, for both nomination and election. Amends GS 7A-41(a) to divide state into eight divisions, as follows: **1A**—Districts 1,2, 3A, 6A, 6B, 7A, 7C; **1B**—Districts 3B, 4A, 4B, 5, 8A, 8B; **2A**—9, 9A, 10A-D, 14A, 14B, 15A, 15B; **2B**—11A, 11B, 12A-C, 13, 16A, 16B; **3A**—District 17A, 17B, 21A-D, 22, 23; **3B**—District 18A-E, 19A, 19B, 19C, 20A, 20B; **4A**—District 24, 25A, 25B, 28, 29, 30A, 30B; **4B**—District 26A-C, 27A, 27B. Makes conforming changes to GS Ch. 163. Election law changes effective with 2000 general elections; new division lines become effective January 1, 2001.

**Intro. by Michaux.**

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