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S 883. JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT/VOTER RETENTION. *TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOR NOMINATION OF JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT AND JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT, AND RETENTION BY VOTE OF THE PEOPLE.* Substantially similar to S 787, introduced 4/3/01, with the following differences: (1) does not provide for General Assembly confirmation of judicial appointments by the Governor; (2) provides that the initial retention election for newly appointed judges and justices is to take place at the first statewide election more than 18 months after appointment; (3) makes justice and judge terms run through June 30, and makes conforming changes for transition treatment of sitting justices and judges; (4) adds a statement to the constitution that judicial appointments should be based on personal and professional fitness and be free from partisan politics.

Intro. by Clodfelter.

Ref. to Judiciary I	GS 7A, 163, CONST
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