

April 9, 2003

**H 969. CONSTIT. AMEND./MAGISTRATES' TERMS.** *TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO CHANGE THE TERM OF OFFICE OF MAGISTRATES.* Amends Art. IV, Sec. 10, NC Constitution to establish initial two-year term and subsequent four-year term for magistrates (now all terms are two years). Submits proposed amendment to voters at 2004 general election. Amends GS 7A-171 to make conforming changes to appointment procedure. Provides that four-year term applies to magistrates who have previously been appointed, even if there is a break in service, or if the initial appointment is in a different county. Implementing legislation effective on Jan. 1, 2005, if amendment approved.

**Intro. by Warner.**

Ref. to Judiciary II	GS 7A, CONST
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April 30, 2003

**H 969. CONSTIT. AMEND./MAGISTRATES' TERMS.** Intro. 4/9/03. House amendment makes the following changes to 1st edition. Makes technical change only.