

April 21, 2005

**H 1428. DISTRICT JUDGE RETENTION ELECTIONS.** *TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN A DISTRICT COURT JUDGE IS COMPLETING A FOUR-YEAR ELECTIVE TERM OF OFFICE AND WISHES TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE, THE NEXT ELECTION SHALL BE BY VOTE OF THE PEOPLE FOR RETENTION FOR AN EIGHT-YEAR TERM.* As title indicates. Subject to approval of voters at election to be held on November 7, 2006.

**Intro. by Harrell.**

Ref. to Judiciary II

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May 26, 2005

**H 1428. DISTRICT JUDGE RETENTION ELECTIONS.** Intro. 4/21/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Revises proposed amendment to Section 10 of Article IV of the North Carolina Constitution to specify that a district judge defeated in a retention election may not be appointed to a vacancy in that office until four years from the end of the term. Requires that General Assembly provide procedure for determining a successor to a district judge who does not seek retention. Enacts new GS 163-329.1 setting forth procedures for district judge retention elections. Makes conforming amendments to GS 163-1(d) and GS 7A-140. Statutory amendments and new GS 163-329.1 effective for elections held in 2008 or thereafter, pending voter approval of constitutional amendment.