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H 1454. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE ELECTIONS. Filed 4/12/07. *TO PROVIDE THAT EACH SUPERIOR COURT JUDGESHIP SHALL BE ELECTED SEPARATELY, AS IS ALREADY PROVIDED FOR THE APPELLATE DIVISION AND DISTRICT COURT, AND THAT VACANCIES SHALL BE FILLED AT THE NEXT ELECTION FOR A FULL EIGHT-YEAR TERM AS IS ALREADY PROVIDED FOR THE APPELLATE DIVISION.*

Amends GS 163-9 to require vacancies for a Superior Court judgeship to be filled in the same manner as those for Justice of the Supreme Court or judge of the Court of Appeals, which is for an eight-year term at the next election for members of the General Assembly. Amends GS 163-327.1 removing the requirement that filing, nominations, and voting for superior court judge vacancies be done without designating the vacancies and providing that the person receiving the highest number of votes for each seat is elected to office. Makes conforming changes to GS 163-322, GS 163-323, and GS 163-328. Amends GS 163-329(b1) to remove provisions concerning the procedure for filling more than one seat in the same race.

Intro. by Wainwright.

GS 163