

February 15, 2007

**H 244. CIVIL JURY SELECTION/EQUAL CHALLENGES.** Filed 2/15/07. *TO REQUIRE EQUITY BETWEEN THE PARTIES WITH RESPECT TO JUROR CHALLENGES IN CIVIL CASES.*

Amends GS 9-20 to require judges to increase the number of juror challenges awarded to plaintiffs when the judge has increased the number of challenges awarded to defendants so that each party has the same total number of challenges; failure to do so constitutes reversible error. In cases where there are multiple plaintiffs that have antagonistic interests, allows the judge to apportion challenges among the plaintiffs or increase the number of challenges to not more than six for each plaintiff. If a judge increases the plaintiff's number of challenges, the judge must also increase the defendant's number of challenges so that each have the same total number of challenges; failure to do so constitutes reversible error. Makes technical corrections. Effective for actions called for trial on or after October 1, 2007.

**Intro. by Faison, Glazier, Stam, Moore.**

GS 9

March 27, 2007

**H 244. CIVIL JURY SELECTION/EQUAL CHALLENGES.** Filed 2/15/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Limits total challenges for all defendants and all plaintiffs to a number designated by the judge but not exceeding a total of 18.

May 17, 2007

**H 244. CIVIL JURY SELECTION/EQUAL CHALLENGES.** Filed 2/15/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Reorganizes and simplifies the proposed amendments to GS 9-20 and makes the following substantive changes: (1) deletes the provisions setting a maximum of 18 challenges for all defendants and 18 challenges for all plaintiffs; (2) deletes the provisions guaranteeing an equal number of challenges for each defendant or class of defendants and an equal number of challenges for each plaintiff or class of plaintiffs; (3) allows but no longer requires the judge, after increasing one side's challenges, to give a corresponding increase to the other side.

June 26, 2007

**H 244. CIVIL JURY SELECTION/EQUAL CHALLENGES.** Filed 2/15/07. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Makes a technical change to the title.

July 12, 2007

**SL 2007-210 (H 244). CIVIL JURY SELECTION/EQUAL CHALLENGES. AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR EQUITY BETWEEN THE PARTIES WITH RESPECT TO JUROR CHALLENGES IN CIVIL CASES.** Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 2/15/07, 3/27/07, 5/17/07, and 6/26/07. Enacted July 11, 2007. Effective October 1, 2007.