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S 1004. INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION CONFIRMATION/CONDUCT. Filed 3/20/07. TO REQUIRE THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO MAKE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS SUBJECT TO THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT STANDARDS OF THE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION.

Amends GS 97-77 to require that the Governor submit names of commissioners to be appointed to the Industrial Commission (Commission) to the General Assembly for confirmation no later than May 1 of the year in which the term for the appointment to be made expires. Provides that if the Governor does not submit names of appointees, the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives are to submit names jointly to the General Assembly for confirmation. Requires that the General Assembly confirm the commissioners before the session in which the names were submitted adjourns. Directs that the standards of judicial conduct provided for judges under GS Chapter 7A apply to members of the Commission, including all deputy commissioners. Provides that members of the Commission are subject to impeachment for the causes and in the manner provide for judges under GS Chapter 123. Directs that members of the Commission may not have any other employment, business, profession, or vocation while in office. Applies to appointments for terms expiring after June 30, 2009.

Intro. by Rand.

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