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S 700. SUPREME COURT RULE MAKING. Filed 3/12/07. *TO PROVIDE THE SUPREME COURT WITH THE AUTHORITY TO REVISE THE RULES OF CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND THE RULES OF EVIDENCE, SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT OR VETO BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.*

Amends GS 7A-34 to give the Supreme Court the authority to adopt and amend the rules of civil and criminal procedure and rules of evidence and allows the General Assembly to amend or veto new or amended rules. Each new or amended rule must be published in the North Carolina Register and becomes effective on January 1 following a regular session of the General Assembly when the rule could be amended or vetoed. A rule does not become effective unless published at least 25 days prior to the convening of a regular session of the General Assembly and no bill to amend or veto a new or amended rule is enacted before that regular session adjourns. Authorizes the Chief Justice to appoint advisory committees to advise the court on the adoption and amendment of rules; provides for reimbursement rates for committee members. Rules of civil procedure, evidence, and criminal procedure in effect on January 1, 2008, are deemed adopted by the Supreme Court until modified by the court. Effective January 1, 2008.

Intro. by Clodfelter.

GS 7A