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**S 797. REASONS FOR JUDGE'S DISQUALIFICATION.** Filed 3/24/09. *TO PROVIDE THAT A JUDGE'S DISQUALIFICATION FROM A CASE SHALL BE IN WRITING AND SHALL SPECIFY THE REASON FOR THE DISQUALIFICATION.*

Enacts new Article 26A, *Disqualification of Judges*, in GS Chapter 7A. Requires that a judge who wishes to disqualify himself or herself from presiding over criminal or civil proceedings on the judge's own motion or in response to a motion of one of the parties, must do so in writing and state with specificity the reason or reasons for the disqualification. Makes conforming changes to GS 15A-1223 (disqualification of judge). Makes additional technical changes. Effective July 1, 2009.

**Intro. by Rand.**

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**S 797. REASONS FOR JUDGE'S DISQUALIFICATION.** Filed 3/24/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes the title to *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A JUSTICE'S OR A JUDGE'S DISQUALIFICATION FROM A CASE SHALL BE IN WRITING AND SHALL SPECIFY THE REASON FOR THE DISQUALIFICATION.* Enacts new Article 6A, *Disqualification of Justices or Judges of the Appellate Division of the General Court of Justice*, in GS Chapter 7A. Requires that a justice or judge who wishes to disqualify himself or herself from participating in the consideration or decision of any question presented to the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals, on the justice's or judge's own motion or in response to a motion of one of the parties, must do so in writing and state with specificity the reason or reasons for the disqualification. Makes technical and conforming changes.