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SENATE DRS35091-LL-69 (02/18)

Short Title: Authorize Chief Magistrates. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Parmon and Brunstetter (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF MAGISTRATES.  
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-146 reads as rewritten:

5 "**§ 7A-146. Administrative authority and duties of chief district judge.**

6 The chief district judge, subject to the general supervision of the Chief Justice of the  
7 Supreme Court, has administrative supervision and authority over the operation of the district  
8 courts and magistrates in his district. These powers and duties include, but are not limited to,  
9 the following:

10 ...  
11 (4) Assigning matters to magistrates, and consistent with the salaries set by the  
12 Administrative Officer of the Courts, prescribing times and places at which  
13 magistrates shall be available for the performance of their duties; however,  
14 the chief district judge may in writing delegate his authority to prescribe  
15 times and places at which magistrates in a particular county shall be  
16 available for the performance of their duties to another district court judge or  
17 the clerk of the superior court, or the judge may appoint a chief magistrate to  
18 fulfill some or all of the duties under subdivision (12) of this section, and the  
19 person to whom such authority is delegated shall make monthly reports to  
20 the chief district judge of the times and places actually served by each  
21 magistrate.

22 ...  
23 (12) Designating a full-time magistrate in a county to serve as chief magistrate  
24 for that county for an indefinite term and at the judge's pleasure. The chief  
25 magistrate shall have the derivative administrative authority assigned by the  
26 chief district court judge under subdivision (4) of this section. This  
27 subdivision applies only to counties in which the chief district court judge  
28 determines that designating a chief magistrate would be in the interest of  
29 justice."

30 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

