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Short Title: Raise Mandatory Retirement Age for Judges. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Stevens, Bryan, Floyd, and D. Hall (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO RAISE THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR JUDGES AND  
3 JUSTICES OF THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 7A-4.20 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 7A-4.20. Age limit for service as justice or judge: exception.

7 No justice or judge of the General Court of Justice may continue in office beyond the last  
8 day of the ~~month~~calendar year in which ~~he~~the judge attains his ~~seventy-second~~or her  
9 ~~seventy-fifth~~ birthday, but justices and judges so retired may be recalled for periods of  
10 temporary service as provided in Subchapters II and III of this chapter."

11 SECTION 2. G.S. 135-57(b) reads as rewritten:

12 "(b) Any member who is a justice or judge of the General Court of Justice shall be  
13 automatically retired as of the first day of the calendar ~~month~~year coinciding with or next  
14 following the later of January 1, 1974, or ~~his~~the judge's attainment of his ~~seventy-second~~or her  
15 ~~seventy-fifth~~ birthday; provided, however, that no judge who is a member on January 1, 1974,  
16 shall be forced to retire under the provisions of this subsection at an earlier date than the last  
17 day that he is permitted to remain in office under the provisions of G.S. 7A-4.20."

18 SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2015, and applies to justices and  
19 judges holding office on or after that date.

