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SENATE BILL DRS15299-ND-70C*

Short Title: Justice/Judge May Continue Term Past Age 72.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Lowe and Fitch (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW JUSTICES AND JUDGES ELECTED TO OFFICE PRIOR TO THE JUSTICE OR JUDGE'S SEVENTY-SECOND BIRTHDAY TO CONTINUE IN THE OFFICE PAST THE MANDATORY JUDICIAL RETIREMENT AGE OF SEVENTY-TWO UNTIL JANUARY 1 OF THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE NEXT ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

~~No~~ When a justice or judge of the General Court of Justice is elected to office prior to the justice or judge's seventy-second birthday, the justice or judge may continue only serve in office beyond the last day of the month in which he attains his seventy-second birthday, justice or judge's seventy-second birthday until January 1 of the year following the next election for members of the General Assembly, but justices and judges so retired may be recalled for periods of temporary service as provided in Subchapters II and III of this chapter."

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



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