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SENATE BILL 91

Short Title: Amend Rule 4/Acceptance of Service. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Galey, Sawrey, and B. Newton (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AMENDING RULE 4 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF CIVIL
PROCEDURE TO ALLOW ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE USING A FORM ISSUED BY
THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 1A-1, Rule 4(j5) of the North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure
reads as rewritten:

"(j5) Personal jurisdiction by acceptance of service. – Any party personally, or through the
persons provided in Rule 4(j), may accept service of process either (i) by completing an
acceptance of service form provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts or (ii) by notation
of acceptance of service together with the signature of the party accepting service and the date
thereof on an original or copy of a summons, and such acceptance-summons. Acceptance of
service by either method shall have the same force and effect as would exist had the process been
served by delivery of copy and summons and complaint to the person signing said-the
acceptance."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2023, and applies to actions
commenced on or after that date.

