

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**HOUSE BILL 1181\***

Short Title: District Court Judge Retirement Age. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Tolson, Farmer-Butterfield (Primary Sponsors); and Wainwright.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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April 12, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO ALLOW A DISTRICT COURT JUDGE WHO REACHES THE  
3 MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE UNTIL THE  
4 EXPIRATION OF THE JUDGE'S TERM.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

8 (a) ~~No~~ Except as otherwise provided in this section, no justice or judge of the  
9 General Court of Justice may continue in office beyond the last day of the month in  
10 which ~~he~~ the judge attains his or her seventy-second birthday, but justices and judges so  
11 retired may be recalled for periods of temporary service as provided in Subchapters II  
12 and III of this ~~chapter~~. Chapter.

13 (b) A district court judge who attains his or her seventy-second birthday during a  
14 term of office may continue in office until the expiration of the term for which the judge  
15 was elected or appointed to serve."

16 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005, and applies to judges  
17 who have not attained their seventy-second birthday on or before that date.