

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 1392  
Judiciary I Committee Substitute Adopted 7/11/02**

Short Title: Mecklenburg Unclaimed Property.

(Local)

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June 13, 2002

1                                   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REDUCE THE REQUIRED STORAGE PERIOD FOR UNCLAIMED  
3 PROPERTY HELD BY LAW ENFORCEMENT IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5           **SECTION 1.** G.S. 15-12(a) reads as rewritten:

6           "(a) Unless otherwise provided herein, whenever such articles in the possession of  
7 any sheriff or police department have remained unclaimed by the person who may be  
8 entitled thereto for a period of ~~180~~ 60 days after such seizure, confiscation, or receipt  
9 thereof in any other manner, by such sheriff or police department, the said sheriff or  
10 police department in whose possession said articles are may cause to be published one  
11 time in some newspaper published in said county a notice to the effect that such articles  
12 are in the custody of such officer or department, and requiring all persons who may  
13 have or claim any interest therein to make and establish such claim or interest not later  
14 than 30 days from the date of the publication of such notice or in default thereof, such  
15 articles will be sold and disposed of. Such notice shall contain a brief description of the  
16 said articles and such other information as the said officer or department may consider  
17 necessary or advisable to reasonably inform the public as to the kind and nature of the  
18 article about which the notice relates."

19           **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to Mecklenburg County.

20           **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to  
21 property received by the sheriff or police department on or after that date.