

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 633

Short Title: Reduce Annual State Bar Fees. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators B. Jackson, Rabon, Tucker (Primary Sponsors); and Waddell.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 5, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REDUCE THE ANNUAL FEES CHARGED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA
3 STATE BAR.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 84-34 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 84-34. Membership fees and list of members.**

7 Every active member of the North Carolina State Bar shall, prior to the first day of July of
8 each year, pay to the secretary-treasurer an annual membership fee in an amount determined by
9 the Council but not to exceed ~~three hundred dollars (\$300.00)~~, fifty dollars (\$50.00), and every
10 member shall notify the secretary-treasurer of the member's correct mailing address. Any
11 member who fails to pay the required dues by the last day of June of each year shall be subject
12 to a late fee in an amount determined by the Council but not to exceed ~~thirty dollars (\$30.00)~~.
13 five dollars (\$5.00). All dues for prior years shall be as were set forth in the General Statutes
14 then in effect. The membership fee shall be regarded as a service charge for the maintenance of
15 the several services authorized by this Article, and shall be in addition to all fees required in
16 connection with admissions to practice, and in addition to all license taxes required by law. The
17 fee shall not be prorated: Provided, that no fee shall be required of an attorney licensed after
18 this Article shall have gone into effect until the first day of January of the calendar year
19 following that in which the attorney was licensed; but this proviso shall not apply to attorneys
20 from other states admitted on certificate. The fees shall be disbursed by the secretary-treasurer
21 on the order of the Council. The secretary-treasurer shall annually, at a time and in a law
22 magazine or daily newspaper to be prescribed by the Council, publish an account of the
23 financial transactions of the Council in a form to be prescribed by it. The secretary-treasurer
24 shall compile and keep currently correct from the names and mailing addresses forwarded to
25 the secretary-treasurer and from any other available sources of information a list of members of
26 the North Carolina State Bar and furnish to the clerk of the superior court in each county, not
27 later than the first day of October in each year, a list showing the name and address of each
28 attorney for that county who has not complied with the provisions of this Article. The name of
29 each of the active members who are in arrears in the payment of membership fees shall be
30 furnished to the presiding judge at the next term of the superior court after the first day of
31 October of each year, by the clerk of the superior court of each county wherein the member or
32 members reside, and the court shall thereupon take action that is necessary and proper. The
33 names and addresses of attorneys so certified shall be kept available to the public. The
34 Secretary of Revenue is hereby directed to supply the secretary-treasurer, from records of
35 license tax payments, with any information for which the secretary-treasurer may call in order
36 to enable the secretary-treasurer to comply with this requirement.



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1 The list submitted to several clerks of the superior court shall also be submitted to the
2 Council at its October meeting of each year and it shall take the action thereon that is necessary
3 and proper."

4 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2017.