

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL DRH10280-ND-70A

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

Sponsors: Representatives Morey and John (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW JUSTICES AND JUDGES ELECTED TO OFFICE PRIOR TO THE  
3 JUSTICE OR JUDGE'S SEVENTY-SECOND BIRTHDAY TO CONTINUE IN THE  
4 OFFICE PAST THE MANDATORY JUDICIAL RETIREMENT AGE OF  
5 SEVENTY-TWO UNTIL JANUARY 1 OF THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE NEXT  
6 ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.  
7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-4.20 reads as rewritten:  
9 **"§ 7A-4.20. Age limit for service as justice or judge: exception.**  
10 ~~No~~ When a justice or judge of the General Court of Justice is elected to office prior to the  
11 justice or judge's seventy-second birthday, the justice or judge may continue only serve in office  
12 beyond the last day of the month in which he attains his seventy-second birthday, justice or  
13 judge's seventy-second birthday until January 1 of the year following the next election for  
14 members of the General Assembly, but justices and judges so retired may be recalled for periods  
15 of temporary service as provided in Subchapters II and III of this chapter."  
16 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

