

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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HOUSE BILL 1427

Short Title: District Judge Retention Implementation. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Harrell; and Hackney.

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

April 21, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO IMPLEMENT AN ACT TO
3 AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT
4 WHEN A DISTRICT COURT JUDGE IS COMPLETING A FOUR-YEAR
5 ELECTIVE TERM OF OFFICE, AND WISHES TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE, THE
6 NEXT ELECTION SHALL BE BY VOTE OF THE PEOPLE FOR RETENTION
7 FOR AN EIGHT-YEAR TERM.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** This act provides the implementing legislation for a
10 constitutional amendment that provides for retention elections for district court judges
11 after their initial elective term.

12 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective only if the qualified voters approve
13 the constitutional amendment proposed by AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH
14 CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN A DISTRICT COURT
15 JUDGE IS COMPLETING A FOUR-YEAR ELECTIVE TERM OF OFFICE, AND
16 WISHES TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE, THE NEXT ELECTION SHALL BE BY
17 VOTE OF THE PEOPLE FOR RETENTION FOR AN EIGHT-YEAR TERM.

18 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.