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HOUSE BILL 629

Short Title: Small Claims Court/Trials. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Sutton.

Referred to: Judiciary III, if favorable, Ways and Means/Broadband Connectivity.

March 18, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE TRIAL OF A SMALL CLAIMS ACTION MAY  
COMMENCE NOT SOONER THAN FIVE DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF THE  
MAGISTRATE SUMMONS ON THE DEFENDANT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-214 reads as rewritten:

"§ 7A-214. **Time within which trial is set.**

The time for trial of a small claim action is set not sooner than five days after service of the magistrate summons and not later than 30 days after the action is commenced. By consent of all parties the time for trial may be changed from the time set. For good cause shown, the magistrate to whom the action is assigned may grant continuances from time to time."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2009.

