

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT House Bill 226

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Senator Rabon

moves to amend the bill on page 14, lines 14 - 15, by rewriting the lines to read:

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"PART IV. CLARIFY COMMISSION INVESTIGATIONS AGAINST JUDGES

SECTION 29.(a) G.S. 7A-377(a) reads as rewritten:

5 "(a) Any citizen of the State may file a written complaint with the Commission concerning the qualifications or conduct of any justice or judge of the General Court of Justice, and thereupon 6 7 the Commission shall make such investigation as it deems necessary. The Commission may also 8 make an investigation on its own motion. The Commission shall not make an investigation, 9 whether initiated upon its own motion or by written complaint of a citizen of this State, when the motion or complaint is based substantially upon a legal ruling by a district or superior court judge 10 11 and the legal ruling has not yet been reviewed and ruled upon by either the North Carolina Court of Appeals or the North Carolina Supreme Court. The Commission is limited to reviewing 12 judicial conduct, not matters of law. The Commission may issue process to compel the attendance 13 14 of witnesses and the production of evidence, to administer oaths, and to punish for contempt. No justice or judge shall be recommended for public reprimand, censure, suspension, or removal 15 unless he has been given a hearing affording due process of law." 16 17 SECTION 29.(b) This section is effective when it becomes law and applies to

- 18 complaints or investigations pending on or after that date.
- 19 **SECTION 30.** Except where otherwise provided, this act is effective when it 20 becomes law.".

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