



CHAPTER 10B

ARTICLE 1 - NOTARY PUBLIC ACT

N.C.G.S. § 10B-65.

Acts of notaries public in certain instances validated.

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General Statutes of North Carolina, as published by the General Assembly	S.L. 2021-91, s. 4(a) — thirty-first act in the lineage	21 September 2026, 02:05 UTC	2a9dbf9aa22771df8e396b1c - 3027fa22d4a8fcc95d9451b6 - ee0cadcfbf441abd

§ 10B-65(a)

Any acknowledgment taken and any instrument notarized by a person prior to qualification as a notary public but after commissioning or recommissioning as a notary public, or by a person whose notary commission has expired, is validated. The acknowledgment and instrument have the same legal effect as if the person qualified as a notary public at the time the person performed the act.

§ 10B-65(b)

All documents bearing a notarial seal and that contain any of the following errors are validated and given the same legal effect as if the errors had not occurred:

- (1) The date of the expiration of the notary's commission is stated, whether correctly or erroneously.
- (2) The notarial seal does not contain a readable impression of the notary's name, contains an incorrect spelling of the notary's name, or does not bear the name of the notary exactly as it appears on the commission, as required under G.S. 10B-37.
- (3) The notary's signature does not comport exactly with the name on the notary commission or on the notary seal, as required by G.S. 10B-20.
- (4) The notarial seal contains typed, printed, drawn, or handwritten material added to the seal, fails to contain the words "North Carolina" or the abbreviation "NC", or contains correct information except that instead of the abbreviation for North Carolina contains the abbreviation for another state.

- (5) The date of the acknowledgement, the verification or proof, or the oath or affirmation states the correct day and month but lacks a year or states an incorrect year.

§ 10B-65(c) All deeds of trust in which the notary was named in the document as a trustee only are validated.

§ 10B-65(d) All notary acknowledgments performed before July 1, 2013, bearing a notarial seal are validated.

§ 10B-65(e) This section applies to notarial acts performed on or before April 1, 2021.

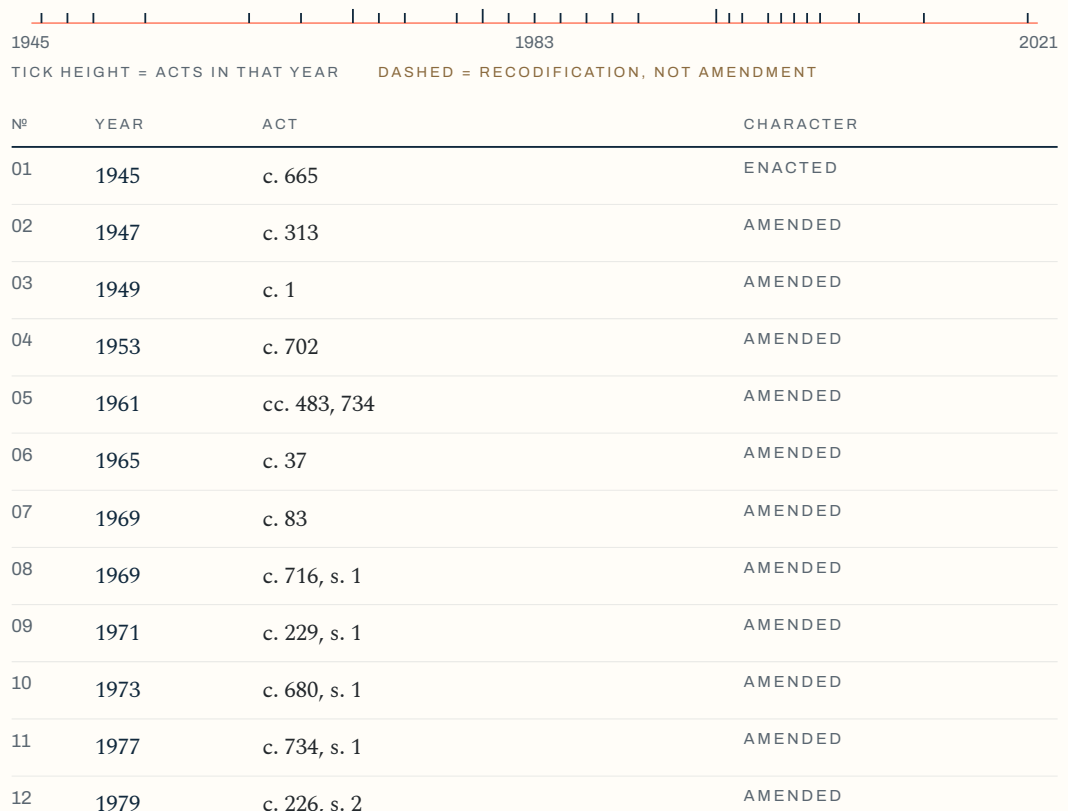
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APPARATUS I
31 ACTS

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13	1979	c. 643, s. 1	AMENDED
14	1981	c. 164, ss. 1, 2	AMENDED
15	1983	c. 205, s. 1	AMENDED
16	1985	c. 71, s. 1	AMENDED
17	1987	c. 277, s. 9	AMENDED
18	1989	c. 390, s. 9	AMENDED
19	1991	c. 683, s. 2	AMENDED
20	1997	S.L. 1997-19, s. 1	AMENDED
21	1997	S.L. 1997-469, s. 2	AMENDED
22	1998	S.L. 1998-228, s. 10	AMENDED
23	1999	S.L. 1999-21, s. 2	AMENDED
24	2001	S.L. 2001-154, s. 1	AMENDED
25	2002	S.L. 2002-159, s. 27	AMENDED
26	2003	S.L. 2003-38, s. 1	AMENDED
27	2004	S.L. 2004-199, s. 6.	AMENDED
28	2005	S.L. 2005-391, s. 4	AMENDED
29	2008	S.L. 2008-194, s. 5	AMENDED
30	2013	S.L. 2013-204, s. 1.5	AMENDED
31	2021	S.L. 2021-91, s. 4(a)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
2 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 10B-37	(b)(2)	<i>"on the commission, as required under"</i>
G.S. 10B-20	(b)(3)	<i>"the notary seal, as required by"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 10B-65 (2021).

PINPOINT

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 10B-65(a) (2021).

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HISTORY PARENTHETICAL, AS PRINTED BY THE STATE

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