



CHAPTER 15A
ARTICLE 11 - SEARCH WARRANTS

N.C.G.S. § 15A-243.

Who may issue a search warrant.

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- § 15A-243(a) A search warrant valid throughout the State may be issued by:
- (1) A Justice of the Supreme Court.
 - (2) A judge of the Court of Appeals.
 - (3) A judge of the superior court.

- § 15A-243(b) Other search warrants may be issued by:
- (1) A judge of the district court as provided in G.S. 7A-291.
 - (2) A clerk as provided in G.S. 7A-180 and 7A-181.
 - (3) A magistrate as provided in G.S. 7A-273. (1868-9, c. 178, subch. 3, s. 38; Code, s. 1171; Rev., s. 3163; C.S., s. 4529; 1941, c. 53; 1949, c. 1179; 1955, c. 7; 1965, c. 377; 1969, c. 869, s. 8; 1973, c. 1286, s. 1.)

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3 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. 7A-291	(b)(1)	"the district court as provided in"

G.S. 7A-180	(b)(2)	"A clerk as provided in"
G.S. 7A-273	(b)(3)	"A magistrate as provided in"

APPARATUS III

Citation

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