



CHAPTER 162
ARTICLE 1 - THE OFFICE

N.C.G.S. § 162-5.

Vacancy filled; duties performed by coroner or chief deputy.

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§ 162-5(a) If any vacancy occurs in the office of sheriff, the coroner of the county shall execute all process directed to the sheriff until the first meeting of the board of county commissioners next succeeding such vacancy, when the board of county commissioners shall appoint a sheriff to supply the vacancy for the residue of the term, who shall possess the same qualifications, enter into the same bond, and be subject to removal, as the sheriff regularly elected.

§ 162-5(b) If the board of county commissioners should fail to fill such vacancy, the coroner shall continue to discharge the duties of sheriff until it shall be filled. In those counties where the office of coroner has been abolished, the chief deputy sheriff, or if there is no chief deputy, then the senior deputy in years of service, shall perform all the duties of the sheriff until the board of county commissioners appoint some person to fill the unexpired term. In all counties the regular deputy sheriffs shall, during the interim of the vacancy, continue to perform their duties with full authority.

§ 162-5(c) The board of county commissioners shall not make any appointment under this section without first being presented with a valid disclosure statement of no felony convictions or expungements, issued within 90 days prior to the appointment, prepared by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes with respect to the individual being appointed.

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02	1829	R.S., c. 109, s. 11	AMENDED				
03	1829	R.C., c. 105, s. 11	AMENDED				
04	1829	Code, s. 2071	AMENDED				
05	Rev.	s. 2811	RECODIFIED				
06	C.S.	s. 3929	RECODIFIED				
07	1973	c. 74	AMENDED				
08	1983	c. 670, s. 2	AMENDED				
09	2021	S.L. 2021-107, s. 8(a)	AMENDED				

APPARATUS III

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