



CHAPTER 61

N.C.G.S. § 61-1.

Trustees may be appointed and removed.

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§ 61-1(a) The conference, synod, convention or other ecclesiastical body representing any church or religious denomination within the State, as also the religious societies and congregations within the State, may from time to time and at any time appoint in such manner as such body, society or congregation may deem proper, a suitable number of persons as trustees for such church, denomination, religious society, or congregation. The body appointing may remove such trustees or any of them, and fill all vacancies caused by death or otherwise.

§ 61-1(b) A person serving as a trustee appointed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section or a director or officer of a religious society shall be immune individually from civil liability for monetary damages, except to the extent covered by insurance, for any act or failure to act arising out of this service, except where the person:

- (1) Is compensated for his services beyond reimbursement for expenses,
- (2) Was not acting within the scope of his official duties,
- (3) Was not acting in good faith,
- (4) Committed gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct that resulted in the damage or injury,
- (5) Derived an improper personal financial benefit from the transaction,
- (6) Incurred the liability from the operation of a motor vehicle, or

(7) Is sued in an action that would qualify as a derivative action if the organization were a for-profit corporation or as a member's or director's derivative action under G.S. 55A-28.1 or G.S. 55A-28.2 if the organization were a nonprofit corporation.

The immunity in this subsection is personal to the officers, directors, and trustees and does not immunize the organization for the acts or omissions of the officers, directors, or trustees.

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APPARATUS I
8 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1796	c. 457, ss. 1, 2	ENACTED
02	1844	c. 47	AMENDED
03	1848	c. 76	AMENDED
04	1848	R.C., c. 97	AMENDED
05	1848	Code, ss. 3667, 3668	AMENDED
06	Rev.	ss. 2670, 2671	RECODIFIED
07	C.S.	s. 3568	RECODIFIED
08	1987	c. 799, s. 1	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. 55A-28.1	(b)(7)	"member's or director's derivative action under"

G.S. 55A-28.2

(b)(7)

"derivative action under G.S. 55A-28.1 or"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 61-1 (1987).

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N.C. Gen. Stat. § 61-1(a) (1987).

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