



CHAPTER 7A

ARTICLE 16 - MAGISTRATES

N.C.G.S. § 7A-170.

Nature of office and oath; age limit for service.

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§ 7A-170(a)

A magistrate is an officer of the district court. Before entering upon the duties of his office, a magistrate shall take the oath of office prescribed for a magistrate of the General Court of Justice. A magistrate possesses all the powers of his office at all times during his term.

§ 7A-170(b)

No magistrate may continue in office beyond the last day of the month in which the magistrate reaches the mandatory retirement age for district judges specified in G.S. 7A-140.1.

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APPARATUS I
5 ACTS

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APPARATUS II
1 AUTHORITY

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-140.1	(b)	<i>"age for district judges specified in"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

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