



CHAPTER 7A
ARTICLE 16 - MAGISTRATES

N.C.G.S. § 7A-171.1.

Duty hours, salary, and travel expenses within county.

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§ 7A-171.1(a) The Administrative Officer of the Courts, after consultation with the chief district judge and pursuant to the following provisions, shall set an annual salary for each magistrate:

- (1) A full-time magistrate shall be paid the annual salary indicated in the table set out in this subdivision. A full-time magistrate is a magistrate who is assigned to work an average of not less than 40 hours a week during the term of office. The Administrative Officer of the Courts shall designate whether a magistrate is full-time. Initial appointment shall be at the entry rate. A magistrate's salary shall increase to the next step every two years on the anniversary of the date the magistrate was originally appointed for increases to Steps 1 through 3, and every four years on the anniversary of the date the magistrate was originally appointed for increases to Steps 4 through 6:

Table of Salaries of Full-Time Magistrates

Step	Level	Annual Salary
Entry	Rate	\$47,228
Step 1		\$50,714
Step 2		\$54,475
Step 3		\$58,457
Step 4		\$63,228

Step 5\$68,973

Step 6\$75,415.

- (2) A part-time magistrate is a magistrate who is assigned to work an average of less than 40 hours of work a week during the term, except that no magistrate shall be assigned an average of less than 10 hours of work a week during the term. A part-time magistrate is included, in accordance with G.S. 7A-170, under the provisions of G.S. 135-1(10) and G.S. 135-40.2(a). The Administrative Officer of the Courts designates whether a magistrate is a part-time magistrate. A part-time magistrate shall receive an annual salary based on the following formula: The average number of hours a week that a part-time magistrate is assigned work during the term shall be multiplied by the annual salary payable to a full-time magistrate who has the same number of years of service prior to the beginning of that term as does the part-time magistrate and the product of that multiplication shall be divided by the number 40. The quotient shall be the annual salary payable to that part-time magistrate.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, a magistrate who is licensed to practice law in North Carolina or any other state shall receive the annual salary provided in the Table in subdivision (1) of this subsection for Step 4.

§ 7A-171.1(a1) Repealed by Session Laws 2018-5, s. 35.7, effective July 1, 2018.

§ 7A-171.1(a2) The Administrative Officer of the Courts shall provide magistrates with longevity pay at the same rates as are provided by the State to its employees subject to the North Carolina Human Resources Act.

§ 7A-171.1(b) Notwithstanding G.S. 138-6, a magistrate may not be reimbursed by the State for travel expenses incurred on official business within the county in which the magistrate resides or is appointed.

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APPARATUS I
43 ACTS

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1977	c. 945, s. 5	ENACTED
02	1979	c. 838, s. 84	AMENDED
03	1979	c. 991	AMENDED
04	1979	2nd Sess., c. 1137, s. 11	AMENDED
05	1981	c. 914, s. 1	AMENDED
06	1981	c. 1127, s. 11	AMENDED
07	1983	c. 761, s. 199	AMENDED
08	1983	c. 923, s. 217	AMENDED
09	1983	1983 (Reg. Sess., 1984), c. 1034, ss. 84, 211	AMENDED
10	1985	c. 479, s. 210	AMENDED
11	1985	c. 698, ss. 13(a), (b) (14)	AMENDED
12	1985	791, s. 39.1	AMENDED
13	1985	1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 1014, ss. 36, 223(a)	AMENDED
14	1987	c. 564, s. 12	AMENDED
15	1987	c. 738, ss. 22, 34	AMENDED
16	1987	1987 (Reg. Sess., 1988), c. 1086, s. 16	AMENDED
17	1989	c. 752, s. 33	AMENDED
18	1991	c. 742, s. 14(a)	AMENDED
19	1991	1991 (Reg. Sess., 1992), c. 900, ss. 41, 43	AMENDED
20	1991	c. 1044, s. 9.1	AMENDED
21	1993	c. 321, s. 60	AMENDED
22	1993	1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 769, s. 7.13(b), (c)	AMENDED
23	1995	c. 507, s. 7.7(a), (b)	AMENDED
24	1996	2nd Ex. Sess., c. 18, s. 28.6(a), (b)	AMENDED
25	1999	S.L. 1999-237, s. 28.6(a), (b)	AMENDED
26	2000	S.L. 2000-67, s. 26.6	AMENDED

27	2001	S.L. 2001-424, s. 32.7	AMENDED
28	2004	S.L. 2004-124, s. 31.7(b)	AMENDED
29	2005	S.L. 2005-276, s. 29.7(a), (b)	AMENDED
30	2006	S.L. 2006-66, s. 22.7(a), (b)	AMENDED
31	2007	S.L. 2007-323, ss. 28.7(a), (b)	AMENDED
32	2008	S.L. 2008-107, ss. 26.7(a), (b)	AMENDED
33	2012	S.L. 2012-142, s. 25.1A(g), (h)	AMENDED
34	2013	S.L. 2013-382, s. 9.1(c)	AMENDED
35	2014	S.L. 2014-100, s. 35.3(f), (g)	AMENDED
36	2016	S.L. 2016-94, s. 36.6(a)	AMENDED
37	2017	S.L. 2017-57, s. 35.4C	AMENDED
38	2018	S.L. 2018-5, s. 35.7	AMENDED
39	2019	S.L. 2019-209, s. 3.7(a), (a1)	AMENDED
40	2021	S.L. 2021-180, ss. 39.8(a), (a1)	AMENDED
41	2022	S.L. 2022-47, s. 5(d)	AMENDED
42	2022	S.L. 2022-74, s. 39.8	AMENDED
43	2023	S.L. 2023-134, s. 39.9(a), (a1)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
4 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-170	(a)(2)	"magistrate is included, in accordance with"
G.S. 135-1(10)	(a)(2)	"G.S. 7A-170, under the provisions of"
G.S. 135-40.2(a)	(a)(2)	"the provisions of G.S. 135-1(10) and"
G.S. 138-6	(b)	"Notwithstanding"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

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