



CHAPTER 7A

ARTICLE 19 - SMALL CLAIM ACTIONS IN DISTRICT COURT

N.C.G.S. § 7A-217.

Methods of subjecting person of defendant to jurisdiction.

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When by order or rule a small claim action is assigned to a magistrate, the court may obtain jurisdiction over the person of the defendant by the following methods:

By delivering a copy of the summons and of the complaint to the defendant or by leaving copies thereof at the defendant's dwelling house or usual place of abode with some person of suitable age and discretion then residing therein. When the defendant is under any legal disability, the defendant may be subjected to personal jurisdiction only by personal service of process in the manner provided by G.S. 1A-1, Rule 4(j)(2).

When the defendant is not under any legal disability, the defendant may be served by registered or certified mail, signature confirmation, or designated delivery service as provided in G.S. 1A-1, Rule 4(j). Proof of service is as provided in G.S. 1A-1, Rule 4(j2).

When the defendant is under no legal disability, the defendant may be subjected to the jurisdiction of the court over the person of the defendant by written acceptance of service or by voluntary appearance.

In summary ejectment cases only, service as provided in G.S. 42-29 is also authorized.

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APPARATUS I
5 ACTS

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01	1965	c. 310, s. 1	ENACTED
02	1969	c. 1190, s. 20	AMENDED
03	1973	c. 90	AMENDED
04	1983	c. 332, s. 3	AMENDED
05	2011	S.L. 2011-332, s. 1.1	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. 1A-1	(null)(1)	"process in the manner provided by"
G.S. 42-29	(null)(4)	"cases only, service as provided in"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7A-217 (2011).

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