



## CHAPTER 7A

## ARTICLE 19 - SMALL CLAIM ACTIONS IN DISTRICT COURT

**N.C.G.S. § 7A-220.**

No required pleadings other than complaint.

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There are no required pleadings in assigned small claim actions other than the complaint. Answers and counterclaims may be filed by the defendant in accordance with G.S. 7A-218 and G.S. 7A-219. Any new matter pleaded in avoidance in the answer is deemed denied or avoided. On appeal from the judgment of the magistrate for trial de novo before a district judge, the judge shall allow appropriate counterclaims, cross claims, third party claims, replies, and answers to cross claims, in accordance with G.S. 1A-1, et seq.

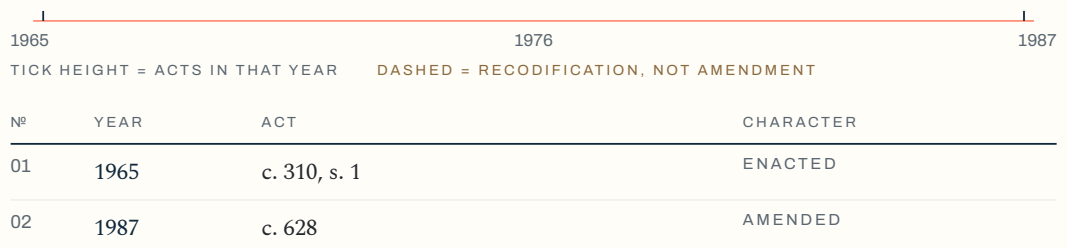
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3 AUTHORITIES

## Authorities referenced

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| REFERENCE   | APPEARS IN | OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION           |
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| G.S. 7A-218 |            | <i>"by the defendant in accordance with"</i> |
| G.S. 7A-219 |            | <i>"in accordance with G.S. 7A-218 and"</i>  |
| G.S. 1A-1   |            | <i>"to cross claims, in accordance with"</i> |

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION  
N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7A-220 (1987).

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