



CHAPTER 7A

ARTICLE 26 - ADDITIONAL POWERS OF DISTRICT COURT JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES

N.C.G.S. § 7A-292.

Additional powers of magistrates.

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§ 7A-292(a)

In addition to the jurisdiction and powers assigned in this Chapter to the magistrate in civil and criminal actions, each magistrate has the following additional powers:

- (1) To administer oaths.
- (2) To punish for direct criminal contempt subject to the limitations contained in Chapter 5A of the General Statutes of North Carolina.
- (3) When authorized by the chief district judge, to take depositions and examinations before trial.
- (4) To issue subpoenas and capiases valid throughout the county.
- (5) To take affidavits for the verification of pleadings.
- (6) To issue writs of habeas corpus ad testificandum, as provided in G.S. 17-41.
- (7) To assign a year's allowance to the surviving spouse and a child's allowance to the children as provided in Chapter 30, Article 4, of the General Statutes.
- (8) To take acknowledgments of instruments, as provided in G.S. 47-1.
- (9) To perform the marriage ceremony, as provided in G.S. 51-1.
- (10) To take acknowledgment of a written contract or separation agreement between husband and wife.
- (11) Repealed by Session Laws 1973, c. 503, s. 9.
- (12) To assess contribution for damages or for work done on a dam, canal, or ditch, as provided in G.S. 156-15.

- (13) Repealed by Session Laws 1973, c. 503, s. 9.
- (14) To accept the filing of complaints and to issue summons pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 42A of the General Statutes in expedited eviction proceedings when the office of the clerk of superior court is closed.
- (15) When authorized by the chief district judge, as permitted in G.S. 7A-146(11), to provide for appointment of counsel and acceptance of waivers of counsel pursuant to Article 36 of this Chapter.
- (16) To appoint an umpire to determine motor vehicle liability policy diminution in value, as provided in G.S. 20-279.21(d1).

§ 7A-292(b)

The authority granted to magistrates under G.S. 51-1 and subdivision (a)(9) of this section is a responsibility given collectively to the magistrates in a county and is not a duty imposed upon each individual magistrate. The chief district court judge shall ensure that marriages before a magistrate are available to be performed at least a total of 10 hours per week, over at least three business days per week.

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APPARATUS I
15 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1965	c. 310, s. 1	ENACTED
02	1967	c. 691, s. 25	AMENDED
03	1971	c. 377, s. 17	AMENDED
04	1973	c. 503, s. 9	AMENDED
05	1977	c. 375, s. 4	AMENDED
06	1979	2nd Sess., c. 1080, s. 6	AMENDED
07	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 4, s. 4	AMENDED
08	1999	S.L. 1999-420, s. 4	AMENDED

09	1999	S.L. 1999-456, s. 9(a), (b)	AMENDED
10	2009	S.L. 2009-419, s. 1	AMENDED
11	2009	S.L. 2009-440, s. 2	AMENDED
12	2009	S.L. 2009-566, s. 28	AMENDED
13	2009	S.L. 2009-570, s. 48.2	AMENDED
14	2015	S.L. 2015-75, s. 4	AMENDED
15	2015	S.L. 2015-247, s. 3(b)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
6 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. 17-41	(a)(6)	" <i>corpus ad testificandum, as provided in</i> "
G.S. 47-1	(a)(8)	" <i>acknowledgments of instruments, as provided in</i> "
G.S. 51-1	(a)(9)	" <i>the marriage ceremony, as provided in</i> "
G.S. 156-15	(a)(12)	" <i>canal, or ditch, as provided in</i> "
G.S. 7A-146(11)	(a)(15)	" <i>chief district judge, as permitted in</i> "
G.S. 20-279.21(d1)	(a)(16)	" <i>diminution in value, as provided in</i> "

APPARATUS III

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