



CHAPTER 7A
ARTICLE 9 - DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND PROSECUTORIAL DISTRICTS

N.C.G.S. § 7A-60.

District attorneys and prosecutorial districts.

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§ 7A-60(a) The State shall be divided into prosecutorial districts, as shown in subsection (a1) of this section. There shall be a district attorney for each prosecutorial district, as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section who shall be a resident of the prosecutorial district for which elected. A vacancy in the office of district attorney shall be filled as provided in Article IV, Sec. 19 of the Constitution.

§ 7A-60(a1) (Effective until January 1, 2027) The counties of the State are organized into prosecutorial districts, and each district has the counties and the number of full-time assistant district attorneys set forth in the following table:

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	Perquimans
2	Beaufort, Hyde, Martin,8
	Tyrrell, Washington
3	Pitt15

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- 4Carteret, Craven, Pamlico14
- 5Duplin, Jones, Onslow,20
Sampson
- 6New Hanover, Pender20
- 7Bertie, Halifax, Hertford,11
Northampton
- 8Edgecombe, Nash, Wilson22
- 9Greene, Lenoir, Wayne16
- 10Wake44
- 11Franklin, Granville, Person18
Vance, Warren
- 12Harnett, Lee12
- 13Johnston13
- 14Cumberland25
- 15Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus16
- 16Durham18
- 17Alamance12
- 18Chatham, Orange10
- 20Robeson13
- 21Anson, Richmond, Scotland11
- 22Caswell, Rockingham9
- 23Stokes, Surry9
- 24Guilford40
- 25Cabarrus11
- 26Mecklenburg71
- 27Rowan9

28Montgomery, Stanly6

29Hoke, Moore10

30Union11

31Forsyth27

32Alexander, Iredell15

33Davidson, Davie13

34Alleghany, Ashe, Wilkes,9

Yadkin

35Avery, Madison, Mitchell,8

Watauga, Yancey

36Burke, Caldwell, Catawba21

37Randolph10

38Gaston19

39Cleveland,13

Lincoln

40Buncombe14

41McDowell, Rutherford8

42Henderson, Polk, Transylvania10

43Cherokee, Clay, Graham,15

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§ 7A-60(a2) Repealed by Session Laws 2017-57, s. 18B.9(f), effective June 28, 2017.

§ 7A-60(a3) In a manner not inconsistent with applicable State law, the North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys shall have the authority to assign to specific counties assistant district attorney positions created by the General Assembly for the purpose of serving as special assistant United States attorneys. The Conference will retain assignment authority of assistant district attorney positions referenced in this subsection for so long as the positions are funded for that purpose.

The number of assistant district attorney positions subject to the requirements of this subsection shall not exceed 12.

§ 7A-60(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, each district attorney for a prosecutorial district as defined in subsection (a1) of this section, other than District 19B, who is in office on December 31, 1988, shall continue in office for that prosecutorial district, for a term expiring December 31, 1990. In the general election of 1990, and every four years thereafter, a district attorney shall be elected for a four-year term for each prosecutorial district other than Districts 16A and 19B, and shall take office on the January 1 following such election. The district attorney for Prosecutorial District 19B, who is elected in the general election of 1988 for a four-year term beginning January 1, 1989, shall serve that term for Prosecutorial District 19B. In the general election of 1992, and every four years thereafter, a district attorney shall be elected for a four-year term for Prosecutorial Districts 16A and 19B and shall take office on the January 1 following such election.

§ 7A-60(c) The office and term of the district attorney for Prosecutorial District 12 formerly consisting of Cumberland and Hoke Counties are allocated to Prosecutorial District 12 as defined by subsection (a1) of this section. The office and the term of the district attorney for former Prosecutorial District 16 consisting of Robeson and Scotland Counties are allocated to Prosecutorial District 16B as defined by subsection (a1) of this section. The initial district attorney for Prosecutorial District 16A as defined in subsection (a1) of this section shall be elected in the general election of November 1988, from nominations made in accordance with G.S. 163-114 as if a vacancy had

occurred in nomination, and shall serve an initial term expiring December 31, 1992. In all other respects, subsection (b) of this section shall apply to the district attorneys for Prosecutorial Districts 12, 16A, and 16B to the same extent as all other district attorneys.

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APPARATUS I
45 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1967	c. 1049, s. 1	ENACTED
02	1975	c. 956, s. 4	AMENDED
03	1977	c. 1130, s. 3	AMENDED
04	1977	2nd Sess., c. 1238, s. 2	AMENDED
05	1981	c. 964, ss. 2, 3	AMENDED
06	1987	c. 509, ss. 4, 5	AMENDED
07	1987	c. 738, s. 127(a)	AMENDED
08	1987	1987 (Reg. Sess., 1988), c. 1056, s. 1	AMENDED
09	1987	c. 1086, s. 111	AMENDED
10	1989	c. 770, ss. 1, 56	AMENDED
11	1989	c. 795, s. 24(a), (e)	AMENDED
12	1991	c. 742, s. 13	AMENDED
13	1991	1991 (Reg. Sess., 1992), c. 900, s. 120(a), (b)	AMENDED
14	1993	c. 321, ss. 200.4(l), 200.7(a), (b)	AMENDED
15	1995	c. 507, s. 21.7	AMENDED
16	1995	1995 (Reg. Sess., 1996), c. 589, s. 3(a)	AMENDED
17	1996	2nd Ex. Sess., c. 18, s. 22(a)	AMENDED
18	1997	S.L. 1997-443, s. 18.11(a)	AMENDED

19	1998	S.L. 1998-212, s. 16.20(a)	AMENDED
20	1999	S.L. 1999-237, s. 17.8(a)	AMENDED
21	2004	S.L. 2004-124, s. 14.6(h)	AMENDED
22	2005	S.L. 2005-276, s. 14.2(l)	AMENDED
23	2006	S.L. 2006-66, ss. 14.3(a), 14.19(a)	AMENDED
24	2007	S.L. 2007-323, ss. 14.14(a), (b), 14.25(j)	AMENDED
25	2008	S.L. 2008-107, s. 14.6	AMENDED
26	2009	S.L. 2009-451, s. 15.17E(a)	AMENDED
27	2012	S.L. 2012-194, s. 1(b)	AMENDED
28	2013	S.L. 2013-360, s. 18B.22(k)	AMENDED
29	2014	S.L. 2014-100, s. 18B.7(a)	AMENDED
30	2017	S.L. 2017-6, s. 3	AMENDED
31	2017	S.L. 2017-57, s. 18B.9(e), (f), (h), (i)	AMENDED
32	2017	S.L. 2017-197, s. 5.6(a)-(c)	AMENDED
33	2018	S.L. 2018-5, s. 18B.6	AMENDED
34	2018	S.L. 2018-114, s. 24(a), (b)	AMENDED
35	2018	S.L. 2018-121, ss. 3(a)-(d), 7	AMENDED
36	2018	S.L. 2018-145, s. 8(a)	AMENDED
37	2018	S.L. 2018-146, ss. 3.1(a), (b), 6.1	AMENDED
38	2019	S.L. 2019-229, s. 1(a)-(c)	AMENDED
39	2021	S.L. 2021-91, s. 13(a), (b)	AMENDED
40	2021	S.L. 2021-180, s. 16.8(a)	AMENDED
41	2022	S.L. 2022-74, s. 16.6	AMENDED
42	2023	S.L. 2023-134, ss. 16.4(a)-(c), 16.26(d), (e), (g)	AMENDED
43	2024	S.L. 2024-1, s. 5.2(a)	AMENDED
44	2025	S.L. 2025-93, s. 9(a)	AMENDED
45	2025	S.L. 2025-97, s. 5.6(b)	AMENDED

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REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 163-114	(c)	<i>"from nominations made in accordance with"</i>

APPARATUS III

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