



CHAPTER 7B
ARTICLE 18 - VENUE; PETITION; SUMMONS

N.C.G.S. § 7B-1803.

Receipt of complaints; filing of petition.

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§ 7B-1803(a) All complaints concerning a juvenile alleged to be delinquent or undisciplined shall be referred to the juvenile court counselor for screening and evaluation. Thereafter, if the juvenile court counselor determines that a petition should be filed, the petition shall be drawn by the juvenile court counselor or the clerk, signed by the complainant, and verified before an official authorized to administer oaths. If the circumstances indicate a need for immediate attachment of jurisdiction and if the juvenile court counselor is out of the county or otherwise unavailable to receive a complaint and to draw a petition when it is needed, the clerk shall assist the complainant in communicating the complaint to the juvenile court counselor by telephone and, with the approval of the juvenile court counselor, shall draw a petition and file it when signed and verified. A copy of the complaint and petition shall be transmitted to the juvenile court counselor.

§ 7B-1803(b) If review is requested pursuant to G.S. 7B-1704, the prosecutor shall review a complaint and any decision of the juvenile court counselor not to authorize that the complaint be filed as a petition. If the prosecutor, after review, authorizes a complaint to be filed as a petition, the prosecutor shall prepare the complaint to be filed by the clerk as a petition, recording the day of filing.

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APPARATUS I
5 ACTS

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01	1979	c. 815, s. 1	ENACTED
02	1981	c. 469, ss. 10, 11	AMENDED
03	1998	S.L. 1998-202, s. 6	AMENDED
04	2001	S.L. 2001-490, s. 2.11	AMENDED
05	2012	S.L. 2012-172, s. 1	AMENDED

APPARATUS II

1 AUTHORITY

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. 7B-1704	(b)	<i>"If review is requested pursuant to"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7B-1803 (2012).

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N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7B-1803(a) (2012).

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