



CHAPTER 8
ARTICLE 1 - STATUTES

N.C.G.S. § 8-3.

Laws of other states or foreign countries.

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§ 8-3(a) A printed copy of a statute, or other written law, of another state, or of a territory, or of a foreign country, or a printed copy of a proclamation, edict, decree or ordinance, by the executive thereof, contained in a book or publication purporting or proved to have been published by the authority thereof, or proved to be commonly admitted as evidence of the existing law, in the judicial tribunals thereof, shall be evidence of the statute law, proclamation, edict, decree, or ordinance. The unwritten or common law of another state, or of a territory, or of a foreign country, may be proved as a fact by oral evidence. The books of the reports of cases, adjudged in the courts thereof, shall also be admitted as evidence of the unwritten or common law thereof.

§ 8-3(b) Any party may exhibit a copy of the law of another state, territory, or foreign country copied from a printed volume of the laws of such state, territory, or country on file in

- (1) The offices of the Governor or the Secretary of State, and duly certified by the Secretary of State, or
- (2) The State Library and certified as provided in G.S. 125-6, or
- (3) The Supreme Court Library and certified as provided in G.S. 7A-13 (f).

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APPARATUS I
7 ACTS

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Nº	YEAR	ACT		CHARACTER	
01	1823	c. 1193, ss. 1, 3, P.R.		ENACTED	
02	1823	R.C., c. 44, s. 3		AMENDED	
03	1823	C.C.P., s. 360		AMENDED	
04	1823	Code, s. 1338		AMENDED	
05	Rev.	s. 1594		RECODIFIED	
06	C.S.	s. 1749		RECODIFIED	
07	1967	c. 565		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. 125-6	(b)(2)	"Library and certified as provided in"
G.S. 7A-13 (f)	(b)(3)	"Library and certified as provided in"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 8-3 (1967).

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