



CHAPTER 8
ARTICLE 8 - ATTENDANCE OF WITNESS

N.C.G.S. § 8-59.

Issue and service of subpoena.

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In obtaining the testimony of witnesses in causes pending in the trial divisions of the General Court of Justice, subpoenas shall be issued and served in the manner provided in Rule 45 of the Rules of Civil Procedure for civil actions. Provided that in criminal cases any employee of a local law-enforcement agency may effect service of a subpoena for the attendance of witnesses by telephone communication with the person named. However, in the case of a witness served by telephone communication pursuant to this section, neither an order to show cause nor an order for arrest shall be issued until such person has been served personally with the written subpoena.

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10 ACTS

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01	1777	c. 115, s. 36, P.R.	ENACTED
02	1777	R.C., c. 31, s. 59	AMENDED
03	1777	Code, s. 1355	AMENDED
04	Rev.	s. 1639	RECODIFIED
05	C.S.	s. 1803	RECODIFIED

06	1959	c. 522, s. 2	AMENDED
07	1967	c. 954, s. 3	AMENDED
08	1971	c. 381, s. 5	AMENDED
09	1981	c. 267	AMENDED
10	1989	c. 262, s. 2	AMENDED

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 8-59 (1989).

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