



CHAPTER 9
ARTICLE 1 - JURY COMMISSIONS, PREPARATION OF JURY LISTS, AND DRAWING OF PANELS

N.C.G.S. § 9-6.

Jury service a public duty; excuses to be allowed in exceptional cases; procedure.

SOURCE	LAST AMENDMENT IN THIS TEXT	RETRIEVED	SOURCE FINGERPRINT
General Statutes of North Carolina, as published by the General Assembly	S.L. 2023-140, s. 44(b) — twelfth act in the lineage	21 September 2026, 02:03 UTC	3dd08d294a516f066a5e7122 - 5446dbc145238267b8e47403 - 85f2d3853f500b01

- § 9-6(a)

The General Assembly hereby declares the public policy of this State to be that jury service is the solemn obligation of all qualified citizens, and that excuses from the discharge of this responsibility should be granted only for reasons of compelling personal hardship or because requiring service would be contrary to the public welfare, health, or safety.
- § 9-6(a1)

All applications for excuses from jury duty, including applications based on disqualification under G.S. 9-3, shall be made on a form developed and furnished by the Administrative Office of the Courts. Applications shall allow prospective jurors to specify the reason for excusal based on disqualification, including lack of United States citizenship.
- § 9-6(b)

Pursuant to the foregoing policy, each chief district court judge shall promulgate procedures whereby the chief district court judge or any district court judge of the chief district court judge's district court district designated by the chief district court judge, prior to the date that a jury session (or sessions) of superior or district court convenes, shall receive, hear, and pass on applications for excuses from jury duty. The procedures shall provide for the time and place, publicly announced, at which applications for excuses will be heard, and prospective jurors who have been summoned for service shall be so informed. The chief district court judge, after consultation with and with the consent of the clerk of superior court, may delegate the authority to receive, hear, and pass on applications for excuses from jury duty to the clerk of superior court. The chief district judge may also assign the duty of passing

on applications for excuses from jury service to judicial support staff, or may, with the clerk's consent, delegate that authority to the clerk of superior court. In all cases concerning excuses, the clerk of superior court or judicial support staff shall notify prospective jurors of the disposition of their excuses.

§ 9-6(b1)

A prospective juror who is summoned for jury service in a session of court scheduled during a period of time when the prospective juror is taking classes or exams as a full-time student enrolled at an out-of-state postsecondary public or private educational institution, including any out-of-state trade or professional institution, college, or university, shall be excused from jury service upon request made pursuant to G.S. 9-6.1(a) and supported by documentation showing enrollment at the out-of-state educational institution.

§ 9-6(c)

A prospective juror excused by a judge in the exercise of the discretion conferred by subsection (b) of this section or excused pursuant to subsection (b1) of this section may be required by the judge to serve as a juror in a subsequent session of court. If required to serve subsequently, the juror shall be considered on such occasion the same as if he were a member of the panel regularly summoned for jury service at that time.

§ 9-6(d)

A judge hearing applications for excuses from jury duty shall excuse any person disqualified under §9-3.

§ 9-6(e)

The judge shall inform the clerk of superior court of persons excused under this section, and the clerk of superior court shall keep a record of excuses separate from the master jury list in accordance with G.S. 9-6.2.

§ 9-6(f)

The discretionary authority of a presiding judge to excuse a juror at the beginning of or during a session of court is not affected by this section.

END OF SECTION TEXT

APPARATUS FOLLOWS — DERIVED, NOT ENACTED

APPARATUS I
12 ACTS

Amendment lineage

The State prints this history as a single parenthetical at the foot of the section. It is reproduced verbatim in the colophon and unpacked below in order of enactment.



Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1967	c. 218, s. 1	ENACTED
02	1969	c. 205, ss. 4, 5	AMENDED
03	1971	c. 377, s. 30	AMENDED
04	1979	2nd Sess., c. 1207, s. 1	AMENDED
05	1981	c. 430, s. 2	AMENDED
06	1985	c. 609, s. 2	AMENDED
07	1985	1987 (Reg. Sess., 1988), c. 1037, s. 47	AMENDED
08	2012	S.L. 2012-180, s. 6	AMENDED
09	2015	S.L. 2015-210, s. 2	AMENDED
10	2022	S.L. 2022-47, s. 10(a)	AMENDED
11	2023	S.L. 2023-103, s. 8(a)	AMENDED
12	2023	S.L. 2023-140, s. 44(b)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
3 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. 9-3	(a1)	<i>"including applications based on disqualification under"</i>
G.S. 9-6.1(a)	(b1)	<i>"service upon request made pursuant to"</i>
G.S. 9-6.2	(e)	<i>"master jury list in accordance with"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 9-6 (2023).

PINPOINT

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 9-6(a) (2023).

Pinpoint keys are set in the left margin of the text rather than line numbers: subsection designators are stable across editions and paper sizes, line numbers are not.

COLOPHON

Provenance

This document reproduces the text of one section of the General Statutes of North Carolina from a source file whose SHA-256 digest is printed on every page. The digest fixes the bytes this export was made from; if the State's file changes, the digest will not match.

The text of the section is unaltered. Subsection designators have been moved from the run of text into the margin. The amendment history and the table of authorities are derived from the section by mechanical extraction — they add no characterization of the law.

This is not the official text. The official text is published by the General Assembly of North Carolina.

HISTORY PARENTHETICAL, AS PRINTED BY THE STATE

(1967, c. 218, s. 1; 1969, c. 205, ss. 4, 5; 1971, c. 377, s. 30; 1979, 2nd Sess., c. 1207, s. 1; 1981, c. 430, s. 2; 1985, c. 609, s. 2; 1987 (Reg. Sess., 1988), c. 1037, s. 47; 2012-180, s. 6; 2015-210, s. 2; 2022-47, s. 10(a); 2023-103, s. 8(a); 2023-140, s. 44(b).)

SET IN SPECTRAL AND ARCHIVO
NORTH CAROLINA LAW — STATUTE EXPORT, FORMAT V1

