

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 697

Short Title: Legislative Oath Changed.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Gamble; Gottovi and Withrow.

Referred to: Rules, Appointments and Calendar.

April 11, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 11-7 reads as rewritten:

"§ 11-7. Oath or affirmation to support Constitutions; all officers to take.

(a) ~~Every~~ In addition to the oath required by Article VI, Section 7 of the Constitution of North Carolina, member of the General Assembly and every person elected or appointed to hold any office of trust or profit in the State other than a member of the General Assembly shall, before taking office or entering upon the execution of the office, take and subscribe to the following oath:

'I,, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me God.'

(b) Every member of the General Assembly shall, before taking office or entering upon the execution of the office, take and subscribe to the following oath, which incorporates within it the oath required by Article VI, Section 7 of the Constitution of North Carolina:

'I,, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North

1 Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my
2 office as, so help me God.

3 I do solemnly and sincerely swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true
4 allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and
5 authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will
6 endeavor to support, maintain, and defend the Constitution of said State, not
7 inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and
8 ability; and

9 I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully discharge my duties without
10 favoritism to anyone or to the State; that I will not knowingly take, directly or
11 indirectly, any fee, gift, gratuity, or reward whatsoever, for any matter or thing done by
12 me or to be done by me by virtue of my office, except the salary and allowances by law
13 provided; and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as to
14 the best of my skill and ability, so help me God."

15 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective with respect to all oaths administered on
16 or after July 1, 1991.