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**SENATE BILL 753\*  
Judiciary I Committee Substitute Adopted 4/21/03**

Short Title: Qualifications for Magistrates.

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April 3, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AMEND THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR PERSONS NOMINATED AS  
2 MAGISTRATES.  
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-171.2(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b) To be eligible for nomination as a magistrate, an individual shall have at least  
7 12 years' experience as the clerk of superior court in a county of this State or shall have  
8 a four-year degree from an accredited senior institution of higher education or shall  
9 have a two-year associate degree and four years of work experience in a related field,  
10 including teaching, social services, law enforcement, arbitration or mediation, the court  
11 system, or counseling. The Administrative Officer of the Courts may determine whether  
12 the work experience is sufficiently related to the duties of the office of magistrate for  
13 the purposes of this subsection. In determining whether an individual's work experience  
14 is in a related field, the Administrative Officer of the Courts shall consider the requisite  
15 knowledge, skills, and abilities for the office of magistrate.

16 The eligibility requirements prescribed by this subsection do not apply to individuals  
17 holding the office of magistrate on June 30, 1994, and do not apply to individuals who  
18 have been nominated by June 30, 1994, but who have not been appointed or taken the  
19 oath of office by that date."

20 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.