

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2015**

**SESSION LAW 2015-24  
HOUSE BILL 71**

AN ACT TO CLARIFY WITH WHOM THE OATH OF OFFICE TAKEN BY MEMBERS  
OF EACH BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHOULD BE FILED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 153A-26 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 153A-26. Oath of office.**

Each person elected by the people or appointed to a county office shall, before entering upon the duties of the office, take and subscribe the oath of office prescribed in Article VI, Sec. 7 of the Constitution. The oath of office shall be administered by some person authorized by law to administer oaths and shall be filed with the ~~clerk~~clerk to the board of commissioners.

On the first Monday in December following each general election at which county officers are elected, the persons who have been elected to county office in that election shall assemble at the regular meeting place of the board of commissioners. At that time each such officer shall take and subscribe the oath of office. An officer not present at this time may take and subscribe the oath at a later time."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2015.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

s/ Daniel J. Forest  
President of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Pat McCrory  
Governor

Approved 11:50 a.m. this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2015

