

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2001

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HOUSE BILL 1494

Short Title: More Fiscal Responsibility. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representative M. Crawford.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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June 3, 2002

1                                   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR MORE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY BY TREATING  
3 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL OF STATE, AND  
4 JUDICIARY THE SAME AS FOR OTHER OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF  
5 THE STATE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7           **SECTION 1.** Section 9 of Article III of the North Carolina Constitution  
8 reads as rewritten:

9 "**Sec. 9. Compensation and allowances.**

10       The officers whose offices are established by this Article shall at stated periods  
11 receive the compensation and allowances prescribed by ~~law, which shall not be~~  
12 ~~diminished during the time for which they have been chosen.~~ law."

13           **SECTION 2.** Section 21 of Article IV of the North Carolina Constitution  
14 reads as rewritten:

15 "**Sec. 21. Fees, salaries, and emoluments.**

16       The General Assembly shall prescribe and regulate the fees, salaries, and  
17 emoluments of all officers provided for in this ~~Article, but the salaries of Judges shall~~  
18 ~~not be diminished during their continuance in office.~~ Article. In no case shall the  
19 compensation of any Judge or Magistrate be dependent upon his decision or upon the  
20 collection of costs.

21           **SECTION 3.** The amendments set out in Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be  
22 submitted to the qualified voters of the State at a statewide election to be held on the  
23 Tuesday after the first Monday in November of 2002, which election shall be conducted  
24 under the laws then governing elections in the State. Ballots, voting systems, or both  
25 may be used in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. The question to  
26 be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

27                                   " FOR  AGAINST

28           Constitutional amendments treating salary adjustments for the Governor,  
29 Council of State, and judges the same as for other State officers and employees."

1           **SECTION 4.** If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the  
2 amendments set out in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall  
3 certify the amendments to the Secretary of State. The constitutional amendments shall  
4 become effective upon certification. The Secretary of State shall enroll the amendments  
5 so certified among the permanent records of that office.

6           **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.