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HOUSE BILL DRH40485-ST-31

Short Title: Certify Reading of NC Constitution.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Riddell.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO REQUIRE EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CERTIFY
WHETHER OR NOT THAT MEMBER HAS REVIEWED THE CONTENTS OF THE
UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION
PRIOR TO TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE.

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 member of the General Assembly and every person elected or appointed to hold any office of trust or profit in the State 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) Prior to taking the oath of office, every member of the General Assembly shall certify to the Principal Clerk of the house for which that member has been elected or appointed whether or not that member has read, listened to, or otherwise reviewed a copy of the Constitutions of the United States and the State of North Carolina within the previous two years."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective January 1, 2027.



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