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HOUSE BILL 652
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/3/91

Short Title: Register Vacancy Modification.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 10, 1991

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MANNER OF FILLING VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE
3 OF THE REGISTERS OF DEEDS OF CAMDEN, CHOWAN, HALIFAX,
4 PASQUOTANK, AND PERQUIMANS COUNTIES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 161-5 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 161-5. Vacancy in office.**

8 (a) When a vacancy occurs from any cause in the office of register of deeds, the
9 board of county commissioners shall fill such vacancy by the appointment of a
10 successor for the unexpired term, who shall qualify and give bond as required by law. If
11 the register of deeds was elected as the nominee of a political party, the board of county
12 commissioners shall consult the county executive committee of that political party
13 before filling the vacancy and shall appoint the person recommended by that committee,
14 if the party makes a recommendation within 30 days of the occurrence of the vacancy.

15 (a1) When a vacancy occurs from any cause in the office of register of deeds, the
16 board of commissioners shall fill the vacancy by the appointment of a successor for the
17 unexpired term, who shall qualify and give bond as required by law. Counties subject
18 to this subsection are: Camden, Chowan, Halifax, Pasquotank, and Perquimans.

19 (b) In the interim between a vacancy in the office of register of deeds and the
20 appointment and qualification of a successor register of deeds, under the provisions of
21 subsection (a), any incumbent assistant or deputy register of deeds appointed under G.S.
22 161-6 prior to the vacancy shall continue to hold office as assistant or deputy registers

1 of deeds until discharged or otherwise lawfully relieved of office by the lawful
2 successor to the office of register of deeds."

3 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.