

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

**SESSION LAW 2003-61  
HOUSE BILL 952**

AN ACT TO MAKE A CLARIFYING CHANGE TO THE LAWS RELATING TO  
THE CONFIRMATION OF AN ARBITRATION AWARD UNDER THE  
FAMILY LAW ARBITRATION ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 50-53 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 50-53. Confirmation of award.**

~~Upon~~ Unless the parties agree otherwise, upon a party's application, the court shall confirm an award, unless within time limits imposed under G.S. 50-54 through G.S. 50-56 grounds are urged for vacating or modifying or correcting the award, in which case the court shall proceed as provided in G.S. 50-54 through G.S. 50-56. The court may award costs, as provided in G.S. 50-51(f), of the application and subsequent proceedings."

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003.

s/ Marc Basnight  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Richard T. Morgan  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley  
Governor

Approved 5:44 p.m. this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003