

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1985 SESSION

CHAPTER 553  
SENATE BILL 393

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE JURISDICTION OF GRAND JURIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 31 of Chapter 15A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"§ 15A-631. **Grand jury venue.**—In the General Court of Justice, the place for returning a presentment or indictment is a matter of venue and not jurisdiction. A grand jury shall have venue to present or indict in any case where the county in which it is sitting has venue for trial pursuant to the laws relating to trial venue."

Sec. 2. This act does not apply to pending prosecutions.

Sec. 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this act are severable.

Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of July, 1985.