

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1993 SESSION

CHAPTER 596
HOUSE BILL 1755

AN ACT TO AMEND THE COUNTIES IN WHICH IT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO PRACTICE PHRENOLOGY, PALMISTRY, FORTUNE TELLING, CLAIRVOYANCE, AND OTHER SIMILAR CRAFTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-401.5 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-401.5. Practice of phrenology, palmistry, fortune-telling or clairvoyance prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to practice the arts of phrenology, palmistry, clairvoyance, fortune telling and other crafts of a similar kind in the counties named herein. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

This section shall not prohibit the amateur practice of phrenology, palmistry, fortune-telling or clairvoyance in connection with school or church socials, provided such socials are held in school or church buildings.

Provided that the provisions of this section shall apply only to the Counties of Alexander, Ashe, Avery, ~~Bertie~~, Bladen, Brunswick, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Camden, Carteret, Caswell, Chatham, Chowan, Clay, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Davidson, Davie, Duplin, Durham, Franklin, ~~Gates~~, Graham, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Haywood, Henderson, ~~Hertford~~, Hoke, Iredell, Johnston, Lee, Lenoir, Madison, Martin, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, ~~Northampton~~, Onslow, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Person, Polk, Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham, Rutherford, Sampson, Scotland, Surry, Transylvania, Union, ~~Vance~~, ~~Wake and Warren~~. Wake and Wayne."

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 1994, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 1st day of July, 1994.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives