

State of North Carolina,
Executive Department,
Raleigh.

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therefore advise you whenever the appointees of the last Legislature have failed ~~#####~~ by their own neglect to qualify ,it matters not for how long a time after April 1st. 1895, and still fail to do so, to appoint Justices of the Peace to the offices which are thus rendered vacant. If before your appointee should qualify ,the appointee of the Legislature should take the oath before the Clerk of the Superior Court ,my opinion is the appointee of the Legislature would have the better title. In case the delay of the appointee of the legislature to qualify is not due to his neglect ,then your Excellency should not appoint.

Very respectfully ,

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