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PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 532 (2019-2020) [DNCR ADD NEW TRAILS & VARIOUS CHANGES](#). Filed Apr 1 2019, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE OVERMOUNTAIN VICTORY STATE TRAIL; TO AUTHORIZE THE WILDERNESS GATEWAY STATE TRAIL; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE STATE PARKS ACT AND THE NORTH CAROLINA TRAILS SYSTEM ACT.*

Senate amendment #1 makes the following changes to the 2nd edition.

Section 3

Further amends GS 143B-135.104 to no longer require the Secretary of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) to recommend State scenic trail routes or select State recreation trail routes or connecting or side trail routes after consulting the North Carolina Trails Committee. Also removes language allowing the Secretary to provide technical assistance to local governments or nonprofits that develop, construct, or maintain designated trails or other public trails that complement the State trails system.

Section 4

Repeals GS 143-320(3), which defined *recreation* as the term is used in Article 34, Local Affairs. Enacts an identical definition of *recreation* in new GS 143B-50.1 as repealed in GS 143-320. Making conforming organizational changes, recodifying GS 143-323(a) and (d) as GS 143B-50.1(b) and (c) rather than (a) and (b).

Intro. by Blackwell, Setzer, McGrady, Dobson.

[GS 143B](#)

[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, State Agencies, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources \(formerly Dept. of Cultural Resources\)](#)

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H 646 (2019-2020) [ID APPROVAL/FLEX MUNI ONE-STOP](#). Filed Apr 9 2019, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR VOTING PURPOSES; TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL WINDOW FOR APPROVAL OF STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR THE 2020 ELECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF EARLY ONE-STOP VOTING IN ODD-NUMBERED YEAR ELECTIONS.*

Senate committee substitute to the 3rd edition makes the following changes.

Amends GS 163A-1145.2 by amending the criteria to be met before the State Board of Elections (State Board) is to approve the use of student identification cards issued by a constituent institution of UNC, a community college, or an eligible private post-secondary institution for voting identification, by allowing the chancellor, president, or registrar of the university or college to submit the documentation of meeting the specified requirements (previously generally required the university or college to submit such documentation). Further amends the criteria to be met to require that if the photo on the identification card is not produced by the university or college or its agent, that the university or college certify that the process used to ensure that the photo is of the student to whom the identification card is issued is designed to confirm the identity of the student to whom the identification card is issued. Also requires that the entity certify in detail (was, explain in detail) the process used to ensure that the photo is of that student to whom the identification card is issued. Adds the requirement that the State Board publish sample student identification cards for each participating university and college.

Amends GS 163A-1145.3 by amending the criteria to be met before the State Board of Elections (State Board) is to approve the use of employee identification cards for voting identification, by allowing the head elected official or lead human resources

employee of the state or local government entity or charter school to submit the documentation of meeting the specified requirements (previously generally required the state or local government entity or charter school to submit such documentation). Further amends the criteria to be met to require that if the photo on the identification card is not produced by the state or local government entity or charter school, that the entity certify that the process used to ensure that the photo is of the student to whom the identification card is issued is designed to confirm the identity of the employee to whom the identification card is issued. Also requires the entity to certify in detail (was, explain in detail) the process used to ensure that the photo is of that employee to whom the identification is issued. Adds the requirement that the State Board publish sample employee identification cards for each participating State or local government entity or charter school.

Intro. by Lewis, Hawkins, Hardister, Russell.

[GS 163A](#)

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[Education, Higher Education, Employment and Retirement, Government, Elections, State Agencies, State Board of Elections](#)

PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 675 (2019-2020) [CONFIRM ROBERT CONNER TO MINING COMMISSION](#). Filed May 21 2019, *A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF ROBERT J. CONNER TO THE NORTH CAROLINA MINING COMMISSION.*

Includes whereas clauses. Confirms the appointment of Robert Conner to the NC Mining Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2023.

Intro. by Wells.

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S 676 (2019-2020) [CONFIRM COREY VIERS TO MINING COMMISSION](#). Filed May 21 2019, *A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF COREY M. VIERS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA MINING COMMISSION.*

Includes whereas clauses. Confirms the appointment of Corey Viers to the NC Mining Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2023.

Intro. by Wells.

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S 677 (2019-2020) [CONFIRM COREY VIERS TO MINING COMMISSION](#). Filed May 21 2019, *A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF COREY M. VIERS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA MINING COMMISSION.*

Includes whereas clauses. Confirms the appointment of Corey Viers to the NC Mining Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2023.

Intro. by Wells.

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S 678 (2019-2020) [CONFIRM ROBERT CONNER TO MINING COMMISSION](#). Filed May 21 2019, *A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT J. CONNER TO THE NORTH CAROLINA MINING COMMISSION.*

Includes whereas clauses. Confirms the appointment of Robert Conner to the NC Mining Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2023.

Intro. by Wells.

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LOCAL/SENATE BILLS

S 138 (2019-2020) [EVEN-YR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS/TOWN OF BLACK MTN](#). Filed Feb 26 2019, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWNS OF BLACK MOUNTAIN, BILTMORE FOREST, AND RONDA SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.*

Senate committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes.

Adds to the proposed changes to the Town of Black Mountain's charter, SL 1951-747, as amended. Removes the provision requiring a member of the board of aldermen to forfeit his or her office if convicted of a crime while in office. Makes language gender neutral. Specifies that the regular election for mayor and members of the board of aldermen is to be conducted using the nonpartisan plurality method pursuant to specified state law. Requires the Buncombe County Board of Elections to set the time period for filing notices of candidacy for candidates seeking municipal office and to notify the Town of the time period set.

Similar to the proposed changes to the Town of Black Mountain's charter, amends the Town of Biltmore Forest's charter, SL 1923-32, as amended, as title indicates. Also provides that in 2020 and quadrennially thereafter, the mayor and three commissioners are to be elected to four-year terms using the nonpartisan plurality method pursuant to specified state law. Requires the Buncombe County Board of Elections to set the time period for filing notices of candidacy for candidates seeking municipal office and to notify the Town of the time period set. Prohibits holding a municipal election in 2019 and extends the terms of the mayor and three commissioners whose terms expire in 2019 until 2020. Regular municipal elections must be conducted in 2020.

Further, amends the Town of Ronda's charter, SL 1961-810, as title indicates. Establishes that Town officers include a mayor and five commissioners, each serving four-year terms and elected using the nonpartisan plurality basis pursuant to specified state law. Requires the Wilkes County Board of Elections to set the time period for filing notices of candidacy for candidates seeking municipal office and to notify the Town of the time period set. Extends the terms of the mayor and two commissioners whose terms expire in 2019 until 2020, and the terms of the three commissioners whose terms expire in 2021 until 2022. Also provides that in 2020 and quadrennially thereafter, the mayor and two commissioners are to be elected to four-year terms, and in 2022 and quadrennially thereafter, three commissioners are to be elected to four-year terms. Prohibits holding a municipal election in 2019. Regular municipal elections must be conducted in 2020.

Makes conforming changes to act's long title.

Intro. by Edwards.

[Buncombe, Wilkes](#)

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[Government, Elections](#)

S 139 (2019-2020) [EVEN-YR. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS/TOWN OF MONTREAT](#). Filed Feb 26 2019, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF MONTREAT SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.*

Senate committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes.

Modifies and adds to the proposed changes to the Town of Montreat's charter, SL 1985-295, as amended. Now provides that in 2020 and quadrennially thereafter, two rather than three commissioners are to be elected to four-year terms and in 2022 and quadrennially thereafter, three rather than two commissioners are to be elected to serve four-year terms. Specifies that regular municipal elections are to be held in the Town on Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year (previously generally required elections to be held in even-numbered years). Requires that commissioners be elected by the nonpartisan plurality method of election pursuant to specified state law rather than as provided in the charter. Further, requires the Buncombe County Board of Elections to set the time period for filing notices of candidacy for candidates seeking municipal office and to notify the Town of the time period set.

Intro. by Edwards.

[Buncombe](#)

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ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 10: REPEAL 2015 LAW RELATING TO MONUMENTS.

House: Serial Referral To Judiciary Stricken

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 20: REMOVE SILENT SAM/UNC-CHAPEL HILL.

House: Serial Referral To Education - Universities Stricken

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 143: UNIVERSAL IDENTIFICATION/BIOMETRICS STUDY.

House: Serial Referral To Health Stricken

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 233: STATE AUDITOR/LOCAL FINANCE OFFICER AMENDS. (NEW)

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

H 242: DISPLACED PRECINCT OFFICIALS/NATURAL DISASTER.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 363: CRAFT BEER DISTRIBUTION & MODERNIZATION ACT.

House: Ratified

H 384: TOWN OF MIDLAND/FUNDS.

House: Serial Referral To Appropriations, Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources Stricken

House: Serial Referral To Appropriations Stricken

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 476: REDUCE ABC FEES PAID BY VFW POST.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Re-ref Com On Finance

H 532: DNCR ADD NEW TRAILS & VARIOUS CHANGES.

Senate: Amend Adopted AI

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

H 547: OAK RIDGE PARK SECURITY SYSTEM FUNDS.

House: Serial Referral To Appropriations, General Government Stricken

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 646: ID APPROVAL/FLEX MUNI ONE-STOP.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 667: LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FLEXIBILITY.

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 995: HARD CIDER/REVISE EXCISE TAX RATE.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Re-ref Com On Finance

S 11: ABC REGULATION AND REFORM.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref Com On Finance

House: Serial Referral To Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House Added

S 622: TAX REDUCTION ACT OF 2019.

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

House: Regular Message Received From Senate

S 675: CONFIRM ROBERT CONNER TO MINING COMMISSION.

Senate: Filed

S 676: CONFIRM COREY VIERS TO MINING COMMISSION.

Senate: Filed

S 677: CONFIRM COREY VIERS TO MINING COMMISSION.

Senate: Filed

S 678: CONFIRM ROBERT CONNER TO MINING COMMISSION.

Senate: Filed

LOCAL BILLS**H 528: INDIAN TRAIL/STALLINGS OCCUPANCY TAX AUTH.**

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 30: STANLY CC/CONTRACTING DATE EXTENSION. (NEW)

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref to the Com on Education - Community Colleges, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

S 80: CHINA GROVE SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref to the Com on State and Local Government, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

S 138: EVEN-YR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS/TOWN OF BLACK MTN.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 139: EVEN-YR. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS/TOWN OF MONTREAT.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 186: BEAUFORT-MOREHEAD CTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY/AMEND.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref to the Com on State and Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

S 194: WEST JEFFERSON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref to the Com on State and Local Government, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

S 235: FRANKLIN/NASH MUNICIPALITIES/UNFIT DWELLINGS. (NEW)

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref to the Com on State and Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

S 242: RECREATIONAL LAND FEE CHANGES.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref to the Com on State and Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

S 262: UNION/PROHIBIT CERTAIN HUNTING ACTS.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref to the Com on Wildlife Resources, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

S 270: DURHAM DEANNEXATION.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref to the Com on State and Local Government, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

S 286: AMEND FIRE PROT. FEES/UNION/BRUNSWICK.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref to the Com on State and Local Government, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

S 674: SURRY CO./MT. AIRY/ELKIN CITY/BD. ED PARTISAN.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Redistricting and Elections. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

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