

The Daily Bulletin: 2024-05-23

PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 198 (2023-2024) [DOT LEGISLATIVE CHANGES.-AB](#) Filed Feb 23 2023, *AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.*

The Governor vetoed the act on May 23, 2024. The Governor's objections and veto message are available here: <https://webservices.ncleg.gov/ViewBillDocument/2023/8586/0/H198-BD-NBC-12010>.

Intro. by B. Jones, Shepard, McNeely, Tyson.

[APPROP, GS 63, GS 105, GS 136, GS 142, GS 143, GS 143C, GS 150B, GS 160A](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, APA/Rule Making, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Department of Transportation, State Government, State Personnel, Tax, Local Government, Transportation](#)

H 900 (2023-2024) [SUBSTITUTE CERTAIN CIHS PARTNERS/WAKE](#). Filed Apr 24 2024, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPROVE THE SUBSTITUTION OF A NEW PARTNER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE WAKE YOUNG MEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AND THE WAKE YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR TUITION PAYMENTS FOR COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS.*

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

Adds the requirement that the Wake Young Men's Leadership Academy and the Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy (Academies) for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years, continue to: (1) be recognized as cooperative innovative high schools; (2) receive funds as provided in GS 115C-238.51A(c), which allows, for applications which have requested additional funds, the State Board of Education (State Board) and the applicable governing Board to approve cooperative innovative high schools contingent upon appropriation of the additional funds by the General Assembly; (3) operate as provided in GS 115C-238.53, which governs the operation of cooperative innovative high schools; and (4) provide opportunities for eligible students to earn postsecondary credit while enrolled in high school.

Amends existing provisions of Section 1 as follows. Require the State Board to approve one or both applications (was, approve an application) to substitute the partner institution of higher education from the 2023-24 school year in the written agreements for one or both of the Academies (previously did not refer to the written agreements) with a new partner institution of higher education no later than the 2025-26 school year (was, beginning as early as the 2024-25 school year), if the already two specified things occur. Adds that if the application(s) for the substitution of a partner institution is approved, then the new provisions in the act setting out the four conditions that apply to the Academies for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years (as discussed above), cease to apply to that Academy.

Makes additional conforming, clarifying, and technical changes.

Amends the act's long title.

Intro. by Paré, Crawford, Liu, Cervania.

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Public Instruction, State Board of Education

H 1042 (2023-2024) [VET CARE FOR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT DOGS](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO REIMBURSE THE VETERINARY CARE OF RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT CANINES*.

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

Amends the criteria for what constitutes a retired law enforcement canine under GS 143-166.91 (definitions for new Article 12I) so that in order to qualify under the statute, the dog would have been in the service of or owned (was, employed by) an qualified agency and retired on or after July 1, 2024 (currently, no date is specified). Expands the type of qualifying activities to include detection of explosives or narcotics and includes these activities in the certification requirement of the definition. Amends GS 143-166.92, (reimbursement) so that the cap on the reimbursement for veterinary care is \$1,500 per fiscal year (was, calendar year) and that the owner must seek reimbursement within 90 days of the date of the veterinary care received by the retired law enforcement canine (was, reimbursement must be for care occurring in the calendar year).

Amends GS 17F-21 (disposition of retired service animals) to specify that the statute does not prevent the owner of a retired law enforcement canine from applying for reimbursement for veterinary care for a retired law enforcement canine under new Article 12I.

Makes technical and organizational changes.

Intro. by Gillespie, Bradford, Greene, Logan.

[APPROP, GS 17F, GS 143](#)

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Animals, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Department of Public Safety

H 1073 (2023-2024) [CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT/CITIZENS-ONLY VOTING](#). Filed May 23 2024, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE FOR CITIZENS-ONLY VOTING*.

Subject to approval by voters at the statewide election on November 5, 2024, amends Section 1 to Article VI of the North Carolina Constitution so that it now provides that only a citizen of the United States with the listed qualifications is entitled to vote in an election in the State. (Currently, allows every person born in the United States and every person who has been naturalized with the listed qualifications to vote in an election in the State except as otherwise provided in Article VI.) Sets out the ballot language. If approved, effective upon certification by the Secretary of State.

Intro. by Kidwell, Loftis, Sossamon, Pike.

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Constitution, Government, Elections

H 1074 (2023-2024) [CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT/CITIZENS-ONLY VOTING](#). Filed May 23 2024, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE FOR CITIZENS-ONLY VOTING*.

Subject to approval by voters at the statewide election on November 5, 2024, amends Section 1 to Article VI of the North Carolina Constitution so that it now provides that only a citizen of the United States with the listed qualifications is entitled to vote in an election in the State, except as otherwise provided in Article VI. (Currently, allows every person born in the United States and every person who has been naturalized with the listed qualifications to vote in an election in the State except as

otherwise provided in Article VI.) Sets out the ballot language. If approved, effective upon certification by the Secretary of State.

Intro. by D. Hall, Moore, Bell, Gillespie.

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PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 768 (2023-2024) [CONFIRM JOEY R. HOPKINS/SEC. OF DOT.](#) Filed Apr 24 2024, *A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING JOEY R. HOPKINS AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.*

Senate amendment to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Deletes whereas clauses. Specifies that the Senate has given due consideration to the matter, and the Senate confirms the nominee (previously, resolution was for the Senate to consider whether to confirm the nominee). Makes conforming changes to the resolution's title.

Intro. by Rabon.

SENATE RES

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[Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation](#)

LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 918 (2023-2024) [MOUNT GILEAD ANNEX/KANNAPOLIS DEANNEX. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Apr 29 2024, *AN ACT TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD AND TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KANNAPOLIS.*

House committee substitute to the 1st edition adds the following content to the act.

Removes specified property from the Kannapolis corporate limits, effective June 30, 2024. Specifies that this has no effect on the validity of any of the City's liens for ad valorem taxes or special assessments outstanding before June 30, 2024, and allows those liens to be collected or foreclosed upon as though the property were still within the City's corporate limits. Exempts property in the described territory as of January 1, 2024, from municipal taxes for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2024.

Makes conforming changes to the act's titles.

Intro. by Sasser.

[Cabarrus, Montgomery](#)

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H 956 (2023-2024) [TOWN OF PINEVILLE/RESERVE POLICE. \(NEW\)](#) Filed May 1 2024, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF PINEVILLE TO AUTHORIZE RESERVE POLICE AND THEIR COMPENSATION WHEN CALLED INTO ACTIVE DUTY.*

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

Removes the previous changes to the Town of Pineville's Town Charter, SL 1965-296, concerning compensation of the town's auxiliary police division, and instead adds a provision allowing the town to establish a reserve police division, in addition to

any auxiliary police division, who may be compensated for any active duty time. Requires the town council to fix the compensation amount.

Makes conforming changes to the act's titles.

Intro. by T. Brown, Harris, Budd.

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[Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management](#)

H 1017 (2023-2024) [EVEN-YR. ELECTIONS/CITY OF JACKSONVILLE](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.*

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

Amends Article II of the Jacksonville City Charter, SL 1967-911, as amended, (Charter) as follows. Removes requirement that mayoral and council elections be held by the Onslow County Board of Elections on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November and instead requires that those elections be held at the time of the general election in even-numbered years.

Removes provision staggering terms by ward and sets that out in an uncodified provision. Requires regular quadrennial elections on even-numbered years for eligible wards to start in 2026. Requires city officers to be elected on a nonpartisan basis and the results determined by plurality under GS 163-292. Requires the election to be conducted in accordance with GS Chapter 163.

Instead of amending Section 8-1, repeals all of Article VIII, concerning elections.

Makes technical, conforming, and organizational changes. Changes the effective date from when the act becomes law to December 1, 2026.

Intro. by Cleveland, Shepard.

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H 1019 (2023-2024) [MCDOWELL/CASWELL/PENDER OCCUPANCY TAX MODS. \(NEW\)](#) Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE MCDOWELL COUNTY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX AND MAKE OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES, TO AUTHORIZE CASWELL COUNTY TO LEVY A ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX OF UP TO THREE PERCENT IN A TAX DISTRICT COMPRISING ALL AREAS OF THE COUNTY EXCLUSIVE OF THE TOWN OF YANCEYVILLE, AND TO AUTHORIZE PENDER COUNTY TO LEVY A ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX OF UP TO THREE PERCENT IN A TAX DISTRICT COMPRISING ALL AREAS OF THE COUNTY EXCLUSIVE OF THE TOWNS OF BURGAW, SURF CITY, AND TOPSAIL BEACH.*

House committee substitute to the 1st edition adds the following new content.

Part II

Creates a new tax district in Caswell County consisting of all of Caswell County, exclusive of the Town of Yanceyville, to be called Caswell County District C. The District is a body politic and corporate. Provides for the governance of that district by the Caswell County Board of Commissioners and county officers.

Authorizes the Caswell County District C governing body to levy a room occupancy tax of up to 3%. Provides that the tax must be levied, administered, collected, and repealed as provided in GS 153A-155 (uniform provisions for room occupancy taxes). Requires the Caswell County Tourism Development Authority (TDA) to use at least two-thirds of the occupancy tax proceeds to promote travel and tourism in the District and the remainder for tourism related expenditures in the District. Makes conforming changes to GS 153A-155.

Part III

Creates a new tax district in Pender County consisting of all of Pender County exclusive of the Towns of Burgaw, Surf City, and Topsail Beach, to be called Pender County District P. The District is a body politic and corporate. Provides for the governance of that district by the Pender County Board of Commissioners and county officers.

Authorizes the Pender County District P governing body to levy a room occupancy tax of up to 3%. Provides that the tax must be levied, administered, collected, and repealed as provided in GS 153A-155 (uniform provisions for room occupancy taxes). Requires the Pender County Tourism Development Authority (TDA) to use at least two-thirds of the occupancy tax proceeds to promote travel and tourism in the District and the remainder for tourism related expenditures in the District. Makes conforming changes to GS 153A-155.

Part IV

Makes conforming changes to GS 153A-155(g) (uniform provisions for room occupancy taxes) to include new taxing districts.

Makes organizational changes. Makes conforming changes to the act's titles.

Intro. by Greene.

Caswell, McDowell, Pender

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Government, Tax

H 1059 (2023-2024) [TOWN OF BERMUDA RUN/CHARTER AMENDMENTS](#). Filed May 6 2024, *AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BERMUDA RUN TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF TOWN ELECTIONS FROM NONPARTISAN PRIMARY TO NONPARTISAN PLURALITY; TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPOINT, SUSPEND, OR REMOVE TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES AND TO APPOINT THE TOWN CLERK; AND TO CLARIFY REFERENDUMS FOR PROPERTY TAX RATE INCREASES.*

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Further amends the Charter of the Town of Bermuda Run, Section 2 of SL 1999-94 as follows. Adds in reference to other Town Resolutions and Ordinances that have amended the Charter in the past.

Further amends Section 4.1 to provide that officers of the Town are to be elected (was, nominated and elected) on a nonpartisan basis using the plurality method.

Further amends Section 6.2 to require that the referendum on the increase in property tax rates have the affirmative vote (was, the vote or consent) of a majority of the qualified voters participating in the referendum.

Makes additional clarifying and technical changes.

Makes conforming changes to the act's long title.

Intro. by Howard.

Davie

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ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

House: Vetoed 05/23/2024

House: Received from the Governor

H 900: SUBSTITUTE CERTAIN CIHS PARTNERS/WAKE.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

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

H 917: GSC TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS 2024.

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 988: 2024 RETIREMENT TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 989: RETIREMENT SERVICE PURCHASE REWRITE PART III.

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1020: RETIREMENT ADMIN. CHANGES ACT OF 2024.

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1042: VET CARE FOR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT DOGS.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Re-ref Com On Appropriations

H 1069: COMM. COLLEGE FUNDING & TUITION SURCHARGE.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Re-ref Com On Appropriations

H 1071: USE METHODS OF CERTAIN GROUPS/VOTER ROLLS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 1072: REQUIRE DISCLAIMER/USE OF AI IN POLITICAL ADS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, if favorable, Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 1073: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT/CITIZENS-ONLY VOTING.

House: Filed

H 1074: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT/CITIZENS-ONLY VOTING.

House: Filed

S 542: DOL OMNIBUS/OTHER CHANGES. (NEW)

Senate: Ratified

S 768: CONFIRM JOEY R. HOPKINS/SEC. OF DOT.

Senate: Amend Adopted A1

Senate: Adopted
Senate: Engrossed

S 790: STATE BAR REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading
Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

S 910: CONFIRM JAMES C. GILLEN/INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading
Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

LOCAL BILLS

H 5: LOCAL CHANGES OMNIBUS. (NEW)

Senate: Withdrawn From Cal
Senate: Placed On Cal For 05/30/2024

H 901: HIGH POINT/CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY.

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

H 918: MOUNT GILEAD ANNEX/KANNAPOLIS DEANNEX. (NEW)

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute
House: Ruled Material
House: Re-ref Com On Finance

H 956: TOWN OF PINEVILLE/RESERVE POLICE. (NEW)

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

H 1017: EVEN-YR. ELECTIONS/CITY OF JACKSONVILLE.

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

H 1019: MCDOWELL/CASWELL/PENDER OCCUPANCY TAX MODS. (NEW)

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute
House: Ruled Material
House: Re-ref Com On Finance

H 1059: TOWN OF BERMUDA RUN/CHARTER AMENDMENTS.

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

H 1061: CREEDMOOR/ANNEXATION & DEANNEXATION.

House: Reptd Fav
House: Re-ref Com On Finance

S 764: COMM. COLL. TRUSTEE TERMS/REGION 4.

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

S 769: COMM. COLL. TRUSTEE TERMS/REGION 1.

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

S 772: COMM. COLL. TRUSTEE TERMS/REGION 3.

House: Reptd Fav

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

S 776: COMM. COLL. TRUSTEE TERMS/REGION 2.

House: Reptd Fav

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

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