

## The Daily Bulletin: 2025-02-03

### PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 31 (2025-2026) [MAKE ELECTION DAY A STATE HOLIDAY](#). Filed Feb 3 2025, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT TO MAKE THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION DAY A PAID HOLIDAY FOR STATE EMPLOYEES.*

Amends GS 126-4, requiring the State Human Resources Commission to count each statewide general election day as a paid holiday for state employees. Makes conforming changes.

**Intro. by Biggs, Ross, N. Jackson, K. Hall.**

GS 126

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[Government, Elections, State Government, State Personnel](#)

H 34 (2025-2026) [ESTABLISH LARCENY OF MAIL OFFENSE](#). Filed Feb 3 2025, *AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF LARCENY OF MAIL.*

Adds new GS 14-72.10, creating a new offense, larceny of mail, which is when a person unlawfully either: (1) takes, or exercises unlawful control over, the mail of another person with the intent to deprive the other person of that mail or (2) transfers, or exercises unlawful control over, the mail of another person or an interest in the mail of another person with the intent to benefit the person or another person not entitled to that mail or interest in that mail. Defines *mail* as a letter, package, bag, or other item of value sent or delivered to another. Ranges punishment for violations from Class A1 misdemeanors for a first offense and the value of the mail is \$200 or less up to Class D felonies if the offense is a third or subsequent offense or if the value of the mail exceeds \$2,000.

Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Lambeth, Zenger, K. Hall.**

GS 14

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H 35 (2025-2026) [ESTABLISH MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH](#). Filed Feb 3 2025, *AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER OF EACH YEAR AS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH.*

Enacts new GS 103-19, designating November as Military Appreciation Month in the State.

**Intro. by B. Jones, Chesser, Adams, Rhyne.**

GS 103

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[Government, Cultural Resources and Museums, Military and Veteran's Affairs](#)

H 36 (2025-2026) [MAINTENANCE OF STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES](#). Filed Feb 3 2025, *AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS TO ENHANCE OVERALL MAINTENANCE OF THE STATE'S VETERANS CEMETERIES.*

Requires the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs (Department) to ensure that all the State's four veterans' cemeteries are staffed by those able to properly operate and maintain the cemeteries. Requires the Department to identify and correct issues related to: (1) undue delays in installing headstones; (2) damage to headstones, temporary markers, and graves caused by lawn equipment or vehicles; (3) drainage and flooding problems; (4) scattered debris and other items; and (5) overall grounds appearance, including bare patches due to lack of grass. Authorizes the Department to permit auxiliary and active military groups and other fraternal organizations to volunteer to perform maintenance projects in the State's veterans' cemeteries.

Requires the Department to adjust its policies to accommodate family requests relating to funeral services. Requires the Department to review its current policies and reasons for the policies related to (1) chapel only services, (2) the time allotted for funeral services, (3) the number of attendees allowed to attend funeral services, and (4) barring visitation of grave sites while a funeral is being held.

Sets reporting requirement on the Department's findings on both the issues it identified and corrected as well as any policy changes it made pursuant to this act to the specified NCGA committee chairs by October 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Wheatley, Penny.**

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**Government, State Agencies, Department of Military & Veterans Affairs, Military and Veteran's Affairs**

H 37 (2025-2026) **ENHANCE FIREFIGHTER BENEFITS & REPRESENTATION**. Filed Feb 3 2025, *AN ACT TO ENHANCE BENEFITS AND REPRESENTATION FOR NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS*.

#### Part I

Increases the monthly pension benefit for eligible firefighters or rescue squad workers under GS 58-86-55 from \$175 per month to \$180 per month. Changes the pension eligibility for members serving 20 years and who are 55 and older to those who are eligible firefighters or eligible rescue squad workers in the State, as provided in GS Chapter 58, Article 86 (currently, eligibility extends to eligible firefighters and eligible rescue squad workers in the State as provided in GS 58-86-25 and G.S. 58-86-30, respectively). Makes technical and conforming changes.

Adds new GS 58-86-41 (concerning amount due for membership and payments credited to separate member accounts). Reorganizes \$15 monthly Fund membership fee requirement into this new statute along with requirement that such payments cannot exceed a period of twenty years. Further reorganizes the following into new GS 58-86-41: (1) the March 31 payment deadline for all monthly fees for the prior calendar year; (2) directives to the Fund prohibiting it from fully crediting service based on payments received after March 31 unless the payment is applied; and (3) requirement that the Fund credit the monthly payments to the member's separate account and be retained by the custodian. Makes conforming deletions in GS 58-86-35 and GS 58-86-40. Makes organizational, clarifying, technical, and conforming changes. Directs the Revisor of Statutes to make conforming changes to GS 58-86-2 (definitions for Article 86) to account for new GS 58-86-41.

Effective January 1, 2026. Applies to pension benefit amounts payable from the Fund due to a member or beneficiary on or after January 1, 2026. Specifies that if a member or beneficiary becomes eligible to receive a pension benefit from the Fund on or before December 31, 2025, but the pension benefit amount is paid from the Fund on or after January 1, 2026, then the pension benefit amount due to the member or beneficiary will be the amount applicable to the pension benefit amount that was effective for each respective month to which the benefit applies.

#### Part II

Changes the composition of the NC Emergency Services Advisory Council (Council) under GS 143-510 so that its twenty-one specified members include a representative of the NC State Firefighters Association and only five members (was, six members) that represent the general public, credentialed and practicing EMS personnel, EMS educators, local public health officials, and other EMS interest groups in North Carolina (the "public, public health, and EMS appointees"). Makes technical changes. Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to not appoint a successor to the public, public health, and EMS appointee member of the Council whose term expires on December 31, 2025, and to instead replace that member with a representative of the NC State Firefighters' Association to succeed them.

**Intro. by Howard, N. Jackson, Huneycutt, Scott.**

[GS 58, GS 143](#)

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**[Employment and Retirement, Government, Public Safety and  
Emergency Management, State Agencies, Department of  
Health and Human Services](#)**

H 38 (2025-2026) [SECOND AMENDMENT FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT](#). Filed Feb 3 2025, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE SECOND AMENDMENT FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT*.

Amends GS Chapter 66 by adding new Article 51 (Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act), which prohibits a payment card network from (1) using a firearm code in connection with payment card transactions involving a firearms merchant in the State; (2) knowingly maintaining a record of individuals residing in the state who own firearms; and (3) discriminating against a firearms merchant solely on the assignment or non-assignment of a firearms code in GS 66-513. Makes legislative findings in GS 66-511. Defines *firearms code*, *firearms merchant* and *payment card network* in GS 66-512.

Permits the Attorney General to assess civil penalties of not more than \$10,000 for each violation after notice and hearing under GS 66-514. Provides a civil cause of action for firearms merchants, persons using payment cards with a firearms merchant, and persons for whom a financial institution has a record of firearm ownership, against a payment card network, permitting injunctions, statutory damages of \$10,000 for each violation, and costs and attorneys' fees in GS 66-505. Provides a three-year statute of limitations on civil actions.

Effective October 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Pyrtle, Miller, Goodwin, Chesser.**

[GS 66](#)

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**[Banking and Finance, Business and Commerce](#)**

H 39 (2025-2026) [DISABLED VETERAN MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXCLUSION](#). Filed Feb 3 2025, *AN ACT TO EXCLUDE MOTOR VEHICLES OWNED BY A VETERAN WITH A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT DISABILITY RATING FROM THE PROPERTY TAX*.

Amends GS 105-275 (Property classified and excluded from the tax base) to exclude from property tax any motor vehicles owned by a person who has a 100% disability rating certified by the US Department of Veterans Affairs. Applies to motor vehicles registered on or after January 1, 2026.

**Intro. by Ward, Goodwin, Wheatley, Cunningham.**

[GS 105](#)

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**[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Government, Tax, Military  
and Veteran's Affairs](#)**

H 40 (2025-2026) [GSC TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS 2025 PART 1](#). Filed Feb 3 2025, *AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES AND SESSION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION*.

Section 1.

Repeals GS 1-18, which required that in an action in which the defense of adverse possession is relied upon, the time computed as constituting such adverse possession shall not include any possession had against a feme covert during coverture prior to February 13, 1899.

Amends GS 29-30, concerning a surviving spouse's election to take life interest instead of intestate share, by referring to the time of the marriage instead of coverture. Amends GS 50-11, concerning the effects of divorce, to also refer to the time of marriage instead of coverture. Amends GS 52-10, concerning contracts between a husband and wife to refer to the marriage instead of coverture. Makes additional technical and clarifying changes.

#### Section 2.

Amends GS 1-569.17 (witnesses; subpoenas; depositions; discovery), so that a court can enforce a subpoena or discovery related order for the production of records, amongst other listed things (currently, protection of records). Makes clarifying and technical changes.

#### Section 3.

Makes technical changes to GS 7B-2204(d). Removes duplicative reference to juvenile justice section so that it is clear that the only agency that can approve a juvenile's detention in a holdover or detention facility is the Division of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety (DJJ).

#### Section 4.

Updates references in GS 14-113.7A (excluding certain types of transactions from crimes of credit card fraud) from "credit card" to new term, "financial transaction card" as set forth in GS 14-113.8 (definitions provision of the Financial Transaction Card Crime Act). Makes technical changes.

#### Section 5.

Repeals Article 15A of GS Chapter 15 (pertaining to investigation of offenses involving abandonment and nonsupport of children).

#### Section 6.

Modernizes language and makes clarifying change to GS 58-6-25 (concerning insurance regulatory charges).

#### Section 7.

Recodifies a portion of Section 5 of SL 2013-357 into GS 58-50-130 (required health care plan provisions) so that the Department of Insurance has to make certain attachment point amounts available to the public annually. Makes the following changes to GS 58-50-130, as amended by the act. Amends the provision prohibiting an insurer from issuing a stop loss health insurance policy to a small employer who has an annual attachment point for claims incurred per individual that is lower than \$20,000 for plan years beginning in 2013, by requiring the Department of Insurance to make the indexed amount (was, make the amount of the specified attachment points) available to the public annually. Removes outdated language. Makes additional clarifying and technical changes.

Makes a technical change to Section 12 of SL 2015-281, specifying that GS 58-50-110 is being amended. Effective January 1, 2016.

#### Section 8.

Amends the definition of *subordinate* defined in GS 89E-3 (definitions pertaining to the NC Board for Licensing Geologists) to also include geologists-in-training working under the supervision of a licensed geologist who does not assume the responsible charge of work. Amends the provisional practice provision in GS 89E-7(b)(3) for nonstate residents practicing in the State for no longer than 90 days so that it only applies to the public practice (was, just practice) of geology by those persons. Removes documents prepared for or approved by subordinate employees under the direction of a licensed geologist for use by the geologist that is either delivered to another person or made for public record in the State as requiring the geologist's seal under GS 89E-13. Expands the type of unlawful practice of geology without a license under GS 89E-18(2) to include any kind of geology instead of the types of geology falling within the definition of *geology* in GS 89E-1(4) (was, unlawful practice of geology limited to the statute's definition of geology).

Makes organizational, clarifying, and/or technical changes to GS 89E-3, GS 89E-4, GS 89E-6, GS 89E-7, GS 89E-8, GS 89E-11, GS 89E-13, GS 89E-14, GS 89E-18, GS 89E-19, GS 89E-22, and GS 89E-24. Removes outdated language from GS 89E-9 and GS 89E-18. Makes language gender neutral.

Section 9.

Amends GS 90A-53, concerning qualifications and examination for registration as an environmental health specialist or environmental health specialist intern, as follows. Amends the allowable education and practice experience standards, to now specify among the four options: (1) graduated with a bachelor's or a or postgraduate degree and earned a minimum of 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours in the physical, biological, natural, life, or health sciences and has one or more years of experience in the field of environmental health practice; or (2) graduated with a bachelor's or postgraduate degree in public health and has one or more years of experience in the field of environmental health practice. Make additional technical changes.

Section 10.

Repeals Article 3 of GS Chapter 110 (control over childcare facilities).

Section 11.

Modernizes language, makes technical changes, and makes language gender neutral in GS 110-130 (pertaining to paternity or child support actions by designated representatives of county commissioners).

Section 12.

Amends GS 115C-284, as amended by Section 1(d) of SL 2023-125, as follows. Removes the statutory reference to powers of superintendent as part of hiring process of supervisors and principals by local boards of education. Removes selection of principal by election of the board of education of those administrative units upon recommendation of the superintendent of city schools. Makes organizational, conforming and technical changes and modernizes language.

Makes technical changes to GS 115C-299. Removes language requiring teachers in city administrative units to be elected by the local board of education upon recommendation by the superintendent of city schools.

Repeals GS 115C-315(a) (pertaining to hiring of janitors and maids by local boards of education upon recommendation by the superintendent). Removes outdated language from GS 115C-315(b) and removes reference to the statutory powers of superintendent as part of hiring process of school personnel by local boards of education.

Section 13.

Amends GS 116-30.2 (concerning appropriations to special responsibility constituent institutions) by correcting a statutory cross-reference and making technical changes. Amends GS 126-85 (protection from retaliation) by correcting a statutory cross-reference and making technical changes.

Section 14.

Amends GS 116-209.28 (pertaining to administration of scholarship by the Principal Fellows Program) to remove outdated language and update term for the NC Principal Fellows Trust Fund to conform with changes to the program set forth in SL 2022-71.

Section 15.

Repeals GS 121-42 contained in Article 4, GS Chapter 121 (directing that the article be known as the Conservation and Historic Preservation Agreements Act).

Section 16.

Allows the Revisor of Statutes to recodify the definitions in GS 126-81 so that they are in alphabetical order and make conforming changes. Recodifies GS 135-48.1(2a) as (2c).

Section 17.

Makes technical and clarifying changes, removes outdated language, and updates titles of: (1) firefighter entity Board of Trustees member to the NC Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Worker's Pension Fund and (2) Director of the Retirement Systems Division to the Executive Director of that division in GS 128-28 (pertaining to administration and responsibility of the Local Government Retirement System [LGERS]). Makes language gender neutral. Narrows the power of the actuary designated by the Board of Trustees in GS 128-28(m) so they cannot perform other duties required in connection with GS Chapter 128.

Amends GS 135-6, concerning the Board of Trustees Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System by removing provisions related to the Board's initial organization and requiring the Board to adopt rules (was, establish rules and regulations from time to time). Removes outdated language, including provisions concerning the creation of actuary tables and rates. Updates reference to GS 135-6 to reflect amendment to statute made by Section 3D.1(l) of SL 2024-57. Makes additional technical and clarifying changes.

Amends GS 153A-93 (county retirement benefits) and GS 160A-163 (city and town retirement benefits) to update title of firefighter entity Board of Trustees member to the NC Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Worker's Pension Fund. Makes technical and clarifying changes and removes outdated language from GS 153A-93 and GS 160A-163.

#### Section 18.

Designates GS 140A-1 through GS 140A-6 (concerning the form and design of annual awards) as Article 1 of GS Chapter 140, with the title "North Carolina Awards." Renames chapter State Awards (currently, State Awards System). Removes requirement that qualifying achievement occur at least four months prior to the date of the award under GS 140A-2 (concerning award period). Adds new Article 2, the "Medal of Valor of Awards." Recodifies GS 147-12(a)(15) as GS 140A-15 and moves it to new Article 2. Makes conforming, organizational and technical changes. Removes outdated language.

#### Section 19.

Removes requirement under GS 143-63.1 that property other than money obtained from the sale or disposal of firearms be credited to the General Fund. Makes technical changes. Updates statutory reference to reflect recodification of GS 20-187.2 to GS 17F-20(i).

#### Section 20.

Repeals: GS 143-215.94A(5) (defining *Loan Fund*); GS 143-215.94B(b)(6) (allowed expenses under the Storage Tank Cleanup Fund-reimbursement to the State for damages or other costs), GS 143-215.94B(b)(12) (allowed expenses under the Storage Tank Cleanup Fund-compensation to third parties for bodily injury and property damage in excess of \$100,000); GS 143-215.94F (limited amnesty for certain underground storage tanks operated prior to October 1, 1989); and GS 143-215.94P (groundwater protection loan fund).

Makes technical, organizational changes to the definitions contained in GS 143-215.94A(2)(2a) and (7). Removes requirement that pipeline facility regulated by certain State laws be intrastate facilities to qualify under the pipeline facility exception to *commercial underground storage tank* definition. Removes the listed exceptions from the definition of *noncommercial underground storage tank*. Now limits the definition to the following storage tanks: (1) farm or residential underground storage tank of 1,100 gallons or less capacity used for storing motor fuel for noncommercial purposes; (2) underground storage tank of 1,100 gallons or less capacity used for storing heating oil for consumptive use on the premises where stored; and (3) underground storage tank of more than 1,100 gallon capacity used for storing heating oil for consumptive use on the premises where stored by four or fewer households.

Makes technical changes and conforming changes to account for repeal of noncommercial underground storage tank cleanup fund to GS 143-215.94E (concerning owner/operator rights under the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund).

Makes conforming changes to account for repeal of noncommercial underground storage tank cleanup fund to GS 143-215.94G (authority of Department of Environmental Quality [DEQ]), GS 143-215.94V (standards for petroleum underground storage tank cleanups) as amended by Section 23(1) of the act, and GS 143B-426.40A(l) (assignment of claims against the State).

#### Section 21.

Repeals Article 29A of GS Chapter 143 (the Governor's Council on Employment of the Handicapped).

#### Section 22.

Makes technical change to GS 144-9(b), concerning the disposal of flags.

#### Section 23.

Recodifies the last sentence of GS 150B-37(c) under GS 150B-34 and requires the Office of Administrative Hearings to forward a written copy of an administrative law judge's final decision or order (was, final decision) to the parties. Makes additional clarifying and technical changes. Amends GS 108A-70.9A to require the Office of Administrative Hearings, instead of the administrative law judge, to forward a written copy of the judge's decision to the Department and the recipient in accordance with GS 150B-34; makes conforming changes. Makes conforming changes to GS 108A-70.9B and GS 108D-16. Amends GS 90A-30, concerning penalties for violations of GS 90A-29, and GS 104E-24, concerning administrative penalties, by updating statutory cross-references and making additional clarifying, conforming, and technical changes. Amends GS 122C-24, concerning adverse action on a license, by removing the provision concerning sharing the decision when an appeal is filed concerning the denial, suspension, amendment, or revocation of a license. Amends GS 122C-24.1, GS 131D-34, and GS 131E-129, concerning penalties, by making conforming and clarifying changes. Amends GS 143-215.94G by making clarifying and technical changes, and removing unnecessary language.

#### Section 24.

Makes technical and organizational changes to GS 160D-1311 (community development programs and activities).

#### Section 25.

Amends GS 168-11 by making organizational changes that clarify the statute's language; also updates the name of an NCGA committee. Makes additional technical changes.

#### Section 26.

Retroactive to January 1, 2023, makes the following changes. Repeals Section 9A.1(a) of SL 2022-74 (pertaining to rate adjustment dates for State-County special assistance program rates). Increases the basic rate of special assistance payment rates from \$1,182 per month per resident to \$1,285 per month per resident and the enhanced rate from \$1,515 per month per residence to \$1,647 per resident under GS 108A-42.1.

#### Section 27.

Amends SL 2021-180, Section 9A.3A(a) as follows. Removes requirement that the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Aging and Adult Services apply to the Social Security Administration for approval to allow eligible individuals residing in in-home living arrangements to qualify for State-County Special Assistance under the Social Security Optional State Supplement Program in the same manner as individuals residing in adult care homes or special care units. Amends Section 9A.3A(d) of SL 2021-180, as amended by Section 9A.1(b) of SL 2022-74 to indicate that the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved DHHS's application for Medicaid coverage for individuals residing in in-home living arrangements who qualify for State-County Special Assistance under the Social Security Optional State Supplement Program effective January 1, 2023. Changes the effective date set forth in Section 9A.1(d) of SL 2022-74 to reflect new effective date of January 1, 2023 (CMS effective date of approval of DHHS application, set forth above).

Makes conforming changes. Retroactively effective to January 1, 2023.

#### **Intro. by Davis.**

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## PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 43 (2025-2026) [WINDOW TINT/INSPECTION/APPROACH OF LEO](#). Filed Feb 3 2025, *AN ACT TO REMOVE THE SAFETY INSPECTION OF TINTED WINDOWS AND TO REQUIRE A DRIVER TO LOWER A TINTED WINDOW UPON THE APPROACH OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER*.

Amends GS 20-183.3 by no longer requiring that tinted windows be inspected during a motor vehicle safety inspection. Makes conforming changes including removing the corresponding fee in GS 20-183.7 and amends GS 20-183.7 by no longer specifying that the fee for an electronic inspection authorization applies when an electronic inspection authorization is used. Amends GS 20-127 by adding the requirement that a driver of a vehicle with tinted windows roll down the driver side window when a law enforcement officer approaches, and roll down the passenger window if the officer approaches from the passenger side. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Johnson, Craven.**

GS 20

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## LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 30 (2025-2026) [SCHCALFLEX/WS-F,STOKES,DAVDSN/AUG11 &AMP ASSMNTS](#). Filed Feb 3 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH, STOKES, AND DAVIDSON COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR*.

Amends GS 115C-84.2(d) as title indicates. Requires Winston-Salem/Forsyth, Stokes, and Davidson County Schools to open no later than August 11 (currently, prohibited from opening earlier than the Monday closest to August 26), excluding year-round schools. Deletes the provisions of subsection (d) concerning waiver of the opening date requirements upon a showing of good cause. Amends GS 115C-174.12 to allow local boards of education that have implemented a school calendar that ends the fall semester before December 31 to administer assessments before the end of that semester. Applies beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

**Intro. by Lambeth, K. Hall, Zenger, Potts.**

Davidson, Forsyth, Stokes

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

H 32 (2025-2026) [CHINA GROVE EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS](#). Filed Feb 3 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF CHINA GROVE SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS*.

Identical to [S 36](#), filed 1/30/25.

Amends Article III of the Charter of the Town of China Grove (SL 2002-42) as follows. Directs that all regular municipal elections will held on even-numbered years (was, odd-numbered years). Extends the terms of the town's Aldermen by one-year as follows: (1) for those three aldermen whose terms are set to expire in 2025 to 2026 and (2) for the other two alderman



and the mayor whose terms are set to expire in 2027 to 2028. Re-stagger terms so that three Alderman seats will come up for reelection starting in 2026 and two seats in 2028 and quadrennially thereafter. Amends the mayor's term so that the seat will come up for reelection starting in 2028 and quadrennially thereafter. (Currently, elections were staggered with two alderman seats and the mayoral seat up for reelection starting 2003 and quadrennially thereafter with the other three alderman seats up for reelection starting in 2005 and quadrennially thereafter.) Directs the town not to hold municipal elections until 2025. Sets starting year for regular municipal elections as 2026, to continue biennially thereafter. Applies to elections held on or after the act becomes law.

**Intro. by Campbell.**

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H 33 (2025-2026) [SCHCALFLEX/YADKIN, DAVIE/CC](#). Filed Feb 3 2025, *AN ACT TO ALLOW YADKIN COUNTY SCHOOLS AND DAVIE COUNTY SCHOOLS TO ALIGN THEIR SCHOOL CALENDARS WITH SURRY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S OR DAVIDSON-DAVIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S CALENDAR.*

Amends GS 115C84.2(d) to authorize local boards of education to align the calendar of schools in the local school administrative unit with the calendar of a community college serving the city or county in which the unit is located. Applies only to Yadkin County Schools and Davie County Schools. Applies beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

**Intro. by Howard.**

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H 41 (2025-2026) [LINCOLN/CATAWBA COMMON BOUNDARY LINE](#). Filed Feb 3 2025, *AN ACT TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN LINCOLN COUNTY AND CATAWBA COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY LINE THAT IS USED BY THE COUNTIES FOR TAXATION PURPOSES AND REFLECTED IN THE COUNTIES' GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS MAPS.*

Sets the legal boundary line between Lincoln County and Catawba County as the recognized common boundary line used by those counties for taxation purposes and reflected in the counties' geographic information systems maps. Specifies that any completed county boundary survey delivered by the North Carolina Geodetic Survey (NCGS) in accordance with Article 3 of GS Chapter 153A in 2024 that is not consistent with the above provision is not binding upon Lincoln and Catawba counties and must not be used by either county as a common boundary between them. Requires the NCGS or its contractors, no later than 42 months after the date this act becomes effective, to locate, survey, mark, and map the boundary line described above, and requires Lincoln County to pay for this work. Requires that the survey plat be recorded in the office of the register of deeds of each county in the manner provided by law for the recordation of maps or plats and in the Secretary of State's office.

Requires on and after the effective date of this act, that all papers, documents, and instruments required or permitted to be filed or registered related to residents or property, be filed in the county where the property is located according to the boundary described above. Specifies that all public records related to residents and property located in areas affected by the establishment of the boundary line above that were filed or recorded before this act's effective date in the adjoining county must remain in the respective adjoining county where filed or recorded, and such records are valid public records as to the property and persons involved, even though they are recorded in an adjoining county where the property is not located as evidenced by the boundary above.

Protects Lincoln County and Catawba County, and any of their agents, employees, or appointed or elected officials from liability to any individual, group, organization, for-profit or not-for-profit business entity of any kind, or governmental entity or agency of any type or kind for any damages, costs, fees, or fines, and prohibits charging court costs for any recommendation, act, failure to act, or conduct related to the provisions of this act and/or the adoption of a fixed boundary line separating the two

counties. Also prohibits any court action against and releases from liability Lincoln County and Catawba County and their officials, employees, and agents for any act or failure to act pursuant to the terms of this act.

**Intro. by Rhync.**

UNCODIFIED, Catawba, Lincoln

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## LOCAL/SENATE BILLS

S 40 (2025-2026) [16TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Feb 3 2025, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 16TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.*

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**Intro. by Adcock.**

Wake

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S 41 (2025-2026) [36TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Feb 3 2025, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 36TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.*

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**Intro. by Settle.**

Mecklenburg

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S 42 (2025-2026) [21ST SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Feb 3 2025, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 21ST SENATORIAL DISTRICT.*

Blank bill.

**Intro. by McInnis.**

Cumberland, Moore

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S 44 (2025-2026) [20TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Feb 3 2025, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 20TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.*

Blank bill.

**Intro. by Murdock.**

Chatham, Durham

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Blank bill.

**Intro. by Corbin.**

Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain,  
Transylvania

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## ACTIONS ON BILLS

### PUBLIC BILLS

#### **H 2: ENTRY FEES FOR HS INTERSCHOLASTIC EVENTS.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref to the Com on Education - K-12, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

#### **H 4: SAM'S LAW.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref to the Com on Education - K-12, if favorable, Health, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

#### **H 7: NC REACH ACT.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

#### **H 8: NC MANAGING ENVIRONMENTAL WASTE ACT OF 2025.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

#### **H 11: NO TAX ON TIPS, OVERTIME, BONUS PAY.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref to the Com on Commerce and Economic Development, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

#### **H 12: OBSERVE STANDARD TIME ALL YEAR.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref to the Com on State and Local Government, if favorable, Judiciary 1, if favorable, Commerce and Economic Development, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

#### **H 13: CHARGES FOR PAYMENTS BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref to the Com on Commerce and Economic Development, if favorable, Judiciary 1, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

#### **H 14: GAMBLING LOSSES TAX DEDUCTION.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref to the Com on Commerce and Economic Development, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

#### **H 15: SUPPORT PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref to the Com on Housing and Development, if favorable, Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 16: GENERAL ASSEMBLY: IN GOD WE TRUST - DISPLAY.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref to the Com on Judiciary 3, if favorable, State and Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 21: DRIVERS LICENSE DESIGNATION/AUTISM.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref to the Com on Health, if favorable, Transportation, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 22: FIRE INVESTIGATION LAW REVISIONS.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref to the Com on State and Local Government, if favorable, Insurance, if favorable, Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 23: ALLOW STANLY COMM. COLL. CULINARY OFF CAMPUS.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**H 24: RESTORE DOWN-ZONING AUTHORITY.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref to the Com on Judiciary 3, if favorable, Housing and Development, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 28: GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 29: USE TRIBAL ID FOR ALCOHOL & AMP TOBACCO PURCHASE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Federal Relations and American Indian Affairs, if favorable, Alcoholic Beverage Control, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 31: MAKE ELECTION DAY A STATE HOLIDAY.**

*House: Filed*

**H 34: ESTABLISH LARCENY OF MAIL OFFENSE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 35: ESTABLISH MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH.**

*House: Filed*

**H 36: MAINTENANCE OF STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 37: ENHANCE FIREFIGHTER BENEFITS & REPRESENTATION.**

*House: Filed*

**H 38: SECOND AMENDMENT FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 39: DISABLED VETERAN MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXCLUSION.**

*House: Filed*

**H 40: GSC TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS 2025 PART 1.**

*House: Filed*

**S 13: CLARIFY INSURANCE FEE REFERRAL CAP.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref to Commerce and Insurance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 31: THE WELLS ACT.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 37: HERTFORD COUNTY RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref to Commerce and Insurance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 38: HERTFORD COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 39: GSC ADD MEMBER FROM HIGH POINT LAW SCHOOL.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 43: WINDOW TINT/INSPECTION/APPROACH OF LEO.**

*Senate: Filed*

**LOCAL BILLS**

**H 3: SIMPSON ELECTION CHANGES - EVEN YEARS.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**H 6: ORIENTAL ELECTION CHANGES - EVEN YEARS.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**H 17: EXTEND TERM OF MAYOR/TOWN OF MADISON.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**H 25: RESTORE DOWN-ZONING AUTH./STANLY & AMP CATAWBA.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref to the Com on Judiciary 3, if favorable, Housing and Development, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 26: TOWN OF MADISON/SATELLITE ANNEXATION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on State and Local Government, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 27: SCHCALFLEX/ALAMANCE/OPEN CAL.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 30: SCHCALFLEX/WS-F,STOKES,DAVDSN/AUG11 &AMP ASSMNTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 32: CHINA GROVE EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 33: SCHCALFLEX/YADKIN, DAVIE/CC.**

*House: Filed*

**H 41: LINCOLN/CATAWBA COMMON BOUNDARY LINE.**

*House: Filed*

**S 28: 39TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 29: 6TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 30: 8TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 32: 11TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 33: 26TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 34: 7TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 35: MODIFY LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 36: CHINA GROVE EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 40: 16TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 41: 36TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 42: 21ST SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 44: 20TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 45: 50TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Filed*

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