

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1961 SESSION

CHAPTER 840  
HOUSE BILL 816

1 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA SO AS TO  
2 PROVIDE FOR GREATER LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE SALARIES OF  
3 THE STATE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:  
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7 **Section 1.** Section 15 of Article III of the North Carolina Constitution is rewritten  
8 to read as follows:

9 **"Sec. 15.** Compensation of Executive Officers. The officers mentioned in this Article shall,  
10 at stated periods, receive for their services a compensation to be established by the General  
11 Assembly, which shall not be diminished during the time for which they shall have been  
12 elected."  
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14 **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this Act shall be submitted at the next general election to the  
15 qualified voters in the State in the same way and manner and under the same rules and  
16 regulations governing general elections in this State.

17 **Sec. 3.** In such election the electors favoring the adoption of the amendment in  
18 Section 1 of this Act shall vote ballots on which shall be printed or written the words "For  
19 greater legislative authority over the salaries of the State Executive Officers"; and those  
20 opposed shall vote a ballot upon which shall be written or printed the words "Against greater  
21 legislative authority over the salaries of the State Executive Officers".

22 **Sec. 4.** The election upon this amendment shall be conducted in the same manner  
23 and under the same rules and regulations as provided by the laws governing general elections,  
24 and if a majority of the votes cast be in favor of this amendment, it shall be the duty of the  
25 Governor of the State to certify the amendment under the Seal of the State to the Secretary of  
26 State, who shall enroll said amendment so certified among the permanent records of his office,  
27 and the amendment so certified shall be in force, and every part thereof, from and after the date  
28 of such certification.

29 **Sec. 5.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

30 **Sec. 6.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

31 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 15th day of June,  
1961.