

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1969 SESSION

CHAPTER 349  
SENATE BILL 251

1 AN ACT RELATING TO MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

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3 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:  
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5 **Section 1.** G.S. Section 153-8 is rewritten to read as follows:

6 **Section 153-8. Meetings of board of commissioners.** (a) The board of commissioners of each  
7 county shall hold a regular meeting at the courthouse on the first Monday of each month or on  
8 the following Tuesday if Monday is a legal holiday. In lieu of meeting on the first Monday at  
9 the courthouse, boards of county commissioners may, by resolution duly adopted, designate  
10 any other day and any other public place within the county as the time and site of its regular  
11 meeting. Such resolution shall be published at least once following its adoption in a newspaper  
12 having general circulation in the county and qualified to publish legal advertisements, or if no  
13 such newspaper is available then in a newspaper having general circulation in the county and  
14 also by posting a copy on the courthouse bulletin board; said notice must be published or  
15 posted at least 10 days before such action is taken. Special meetings called as provided below  
16 may be held at the site designated for regular meetings.

17 (b) The board may adjourn its regular meetings from day to day or to a day certain until  
18 the business before it is completed. Special meetings may be held on the call of the chairman of  
19 the board or of a majority of the members upon two days' written notice being given to each of  
20 the members and posting such notice on the courthouse bulletin board. Written notice shall be  
21 deemed waived by attendance at and participation in a special meeting.

22 (c) At the first regular meeting in December of each year, the board shall choose one of  
23 its members as chairman for the ensuing year, unless the chairman is elected as such by the  
24 people, and may choose a vice-chairman to act in the disability or absence of the chairman. In  
25 the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman, the members present may choose a temporary  
26 chairman. Unless otherwise specifically provided by law or rule of the board, the chairman  
27 shall have the right to vote on all questions before the board, but shall have no right to break a  
28 tie vote in which he participated.

29 (d) A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum. Every member who is present  
30 when a matter is voted upon shall vote thereon, unless he is excused by the board, except on  
31 those matters involving his own official conduct or involving his own financial interest, except  
32 on a vote to adjust the rate of compensation of the several members of the Board of  
33 Commissioners. The board shall have authority to adopt rules governing its proceedings in  
34 keeping with the size and nature of the board and in the spirit of generally accepted principles  
35 of parliamentary procedure, and a motion to suspend a rule previously adopted shall require  
36 unanimous consent of those present and voting.

37 **Sec. 2.** This Act shall be deemed supplementary to all local, special, or private laws  
38 heretofore enacted and shall not be deemed to repeal any such local, special, or private laws  
39 relating to the meetings and procedures of boards of county commissioners.

40 **Sec. 3.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

41 **Sec. 4.** This Act shall take effect upon its ratification.

42 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 30th day of April,  
43 1969.