

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 1030
SENATE BILL 754

AN ACT TO CREATE A COMMISSION TO STUDY THE STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF
STATE PARKS AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NECESSARY
LEGISLATION TO THE 1977-1978 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is hereby created a State Parks Study Commission to be composed of 12 members, four of whom shall be members of the Senate appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, four of whom shall be members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker, and four of whom shall be appointed by the Governor. The members shall elect their chairman.

Sec. 2. The commission shall have as its purpose the study and formulation of recommendations for direction and legislation concerning the entire system of State parks to include such issues as:

- (a) State and federal funding,
- (b) land acquisition,
- (c) personnel classifications within the Division of State Parks,
- (d) the development, capacity and operation of existing and proposed parks,
- (e) the present and projected needs for and placement of park facilities,
- (f) access to park and recreational facilities, and
- (g) any other issues consideration of which is deemed by the commission to be essential to the development of an orderly, planned, comprehensive system of State parks and recreational areas.

Sec. 3. The commission shall file a written report of its findings and recommendations with the presiding officer of the House of Representatives and the Senate on or before the tenth day of the 1978 Session of the General Assembly, and shall supplement that report, if necessary, with a further written report filed on or before the tenth day of the 1979 Session. Upon the filing of the latter report, the commission shall terminate.

Sec. 4. The members of the commission shall be paid appropriate per diem and travel expenses as are provided for members of the State boards and commissions generally. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Parks Study Commission seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) in fiscal year 1977-78 and seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) in fiscal year 1978-79 to pay the reasonable expenses of the study.

Sec. 5. This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of July, 1977.