

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 1112
HOUSE BILL 1237

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is hereby created and established a public body corporate and politic to be known as the North Carolina State Indian Housing Authority.

Sec. 2. The State Indian Housing Authority, hereafter referred to as the authority, shall exercise its powers to provide housing for Indians of low income. Except as otherwise provided in this act, all the provisions of law applicable to housing authorities created for municipalities pursuant to Chapter 157 of the General Statutes shall be applicable to this authority, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context. The Governor and the Commission of Indian Affairs are hereby authorized to exercise all appointing and other powers with respect to this authority that are vested pursuant to said Chapter 157 in the chief executive officer and governing body of a municipality.

Sec. 3. The authority shall consist of five commissioners who shall be appointed by the Governor. Commissioners shall be selected from the following major groups of North Carolina Indians: the Haliwa, the Coharie, the Waccamaw Siouan, and the Lumbee tribes; and the Cumberland County, Guilford, and Metrolina Associations. No person shall be barred from serving as a commissioner because he is a tenant or home buyer in an Indian housing project.

Sec. 4. The area of operation of the authority shall include the entire State: Provided, that the authority shall not undertake any housing project or projects within the area of operation of any city, county or regional housing authority unless a resolution shall have been adopted by such city, county or regional housing authority declaring that there is a need for the State Indian Housing Authority to exercise its powers within such city, county or regional housing authority's area of operation.

Sec. 5. Rentals and tenant selection in connection with projects of the authority shall be in accordance with G.S. 157-29, except that tenants in such projects shall be Indians.

Sec. 6. This act shall become effective upon ratification.

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