

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 1278
HOUSE BILL 1676

AN ACT RELATING TO THE COMPENSATION AND DUTIES OF THE PRINCIPAL
CLERKS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 120-37 is rewritten to read as follows:

"§ 120-37. **Elected officers; salaries; staff.** — (a) At the convening of the first session of the General Assembly following each biennial election of members of the General Assembly, each house shall elect a principal clerk, a reading clerk and a sergeant-at-arms for terms of two years, subject to the condition that each officer shall serve at the pleasure of the house that elected him and shall serve until his successor is elected.

(b) The sergeant-at-arms and the reading clerk in each house shall be paid a salary of one hundred twenty-six dollars (\$126.00) per week, plus subsistence at the same daily rate provided for members of the General Assembly, plus mileage at the rate provided for members of the General Assembly for one round trip only from their homes to Raleigh and return. The sergeants-at-arms shall serve during sessions of the General Assembly and at such time prior to the convening of, and subsequent to adjournment or recess of, sessions as may be authorized by the Legislative Services Commission. The reading clerks shall serve during sessions only.

(c) The principal clerks shall be full-time officers. Each principal clerk shall be paid an annual salary of twenty-one thousand two hundred dollars (\$21,200), payable monthly. The Legislative Services Commission shall review the salary of the principal clerks prior to submission of the proposed operating budget of the General Assembly to the Governor and Advisory Budget Commission and shall make appropriate recommendations for changes in those salaries. Any changes enacted by the General Assembly shall be by amendment to this paragraph.

(d) The Legislative Services Commission may authorize additional full-time staff employees of the office of each principal clerk. The Speaker may assign to the Principal Clerk of the House additional duties for the periods between sessions and during recesses of the General Assembly. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate may assign to the Principal Clerk of the Senate additional duties for the periods between sessions and during recesses of the General Assembly.

(e) The principal clerks and the sergeants-at-arms may, upon authorization of the Legislative Services Commission, employ temporary assistants to prepare for each legislative session, serve during the session, and perform necessary duties following adjournment.

(f) Following adjournment sine die of each session of the General Assembly, each principal clerk shall retain in his office for a period of two years every bill and resolution considered by but not enacted or adopted by his house, together with the calendar books and other records deemed worthy of retention. At the end of two years, these materials shall be turned over to the Division of Archives and History of the Department of Cultural Resources for ultimate retention or disposition."

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective January 1, 1979.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 16th day of June, 1978.