

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1983 SESSION

CHAPTER 1115
HOUSE BILL 1689

AN ACT TO CREATE THE ROANOKE VOYAGES AND ELIZABETH II
COMMISSION, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is created in the Department of Cultural Resources the Roanoke Voyages and Elizabeth II Commission.

Sec. 2. The Commission may:

- (1) advise the Secretary of the Department of Cultural Resources on matters pertinent to the operation and maintenance of Ice Plant Island, the Elizabeth II State Historic Site and Visitor Center, and the Elizabeth II as permanent memorials commemorating the Roanoke Voyages, 1584-1587;
- (2) make recommendations to the Secretary of the Department of Cultural Resources for establishing and providing for a proper charge for admission to the ship, and for the maintenance and operation of the ship, the visitor center, and the grounds as a permanent memorial and exhibit;
- (3) solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations;
- (4) identify, preserve, and protect properties located in Dare County having historical significance to the State of North Carolina, Dare County, and the Town of Manteo, with the approval or assistance of the Department of Cultural Resources;
- (5) cooperate with the Secretary and Department of Cultural Resources, the Secretary and Department of Transportation, the Secretary and Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, and other governmental agencies, officials, and entities, and provide them with assistance and advice;
- (6) adopt and enforce such bylaws, rules, regulations, and guidelines that the Commission deems to be reasonably necessary in order to carry out its powers and duties;
- (7) establish and maintain a "Roanoke Voyages and Elizabeth II Commission Fund" composed of monies which may come into its hands from gifts, donations, grants, or bequests, which funds will be used by the Commission for purposes of carrying out its duties and purposes herein set forth. The Commission may establish a reserve fund to be maintained and used for contingencies and emergencies.

Sec. 3. The Commission shall consist of 24 voting members: 12 appointed by the Governor, six of whom shall be residents of Dare County; eight voting ex officio members who are the Secretary of the Department of Cultural Resources, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, the Chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners, the Mayor of the Town of Manteo, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Elizabeth II, the Site Manager of the Elizabeth II State Historic Site, and the Chairman of the Roanoke Island Historical Association; and four members appointed by the Commission from time to time according to the procedure it adopts. Members appointed by the Governor shall serve for four- year terms, except that of the initial appointments, six shall be for two-year terms and six for four-year terms. Ex officio members may designate a person to serve as a member of the Commission in their stead. Any appointment to fill a vacancy on the Commission created by the resignation, dismissal, death, or disability of a member shall be made by the Commission and shall be for the balance of the unexpired term. The members of the Commission shall receive per diem and necessary travel and subsistence expenses in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 138-5.

The Governor shall, after recommendations have been sent to him in writing each year at the time of the annual meeting, designate from among the members of the Commission a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and treasurer.

Sec. 4. Any funds appropriated by the 1983 General Assembly for fiscal year 1984-85 to the Department of Cultural Resources for operating expenses of the Roanoke Voyages Corridor Commission shall instead be used for operating expenses of the Roanoke Voyages and Elizabeth II Commission.

Sec. 5. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 7th day of July, 1984.