

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1983 SESSION

CHAPTER 743
HOUSE BILL 1277

AN ACT TO DENY AUTHORITY TO CASWELL BEACH TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION UNDER ARTICLE 19 OF CHAPTER 160A OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OVER FORT CASWELL.

Whereas, the North Carolina Baptist Assembly, known as Fort Caswell, is owned and operated by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention; and

Whereas, more than 3,000 churches throughout the State are members of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Town of Caswell Beach in Brunswick County shall have no authority to exercise jurisdiction under Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes over any part of the property of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention known as Fort Caswell, and Brunswick County shall retain its jurisdiction over that area under Article 18 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes and Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes. The general description of Fort Caswell reads as follows: the Baptist Assembly surrounded by the eastern boundary of Caswell Beach on the west, the waters of the Atlantic Ocean to the south, the Cape Fear River to the east, and the Elizabeth River and its marshes on the north. Provided, these restrictions as to exercise of jurisdiction shall apply only for so long as the property is owned and operated by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention exclusively for the North Carolina Baptist Assembly, provided further that the Town of Caswell Beach may adopt ordinances concerning Fort Caswell under Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, but such ordinances shall not become effective until the town obtains jurisdiction by operation of the previous proviso.

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 14th day of July, 1983.