

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1983 SESSION

CHAPTER 778
HOUSE BILL 265

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 147 of the General Statutes is amended by adding the following new Article:

"Article 3B.

"North Carolina Housing Commission.

"§ 147-33.10. Commission established.—There is established within the Office of the Governor the North Carolina Housing Commission.

"§ 147-33.11. Membership.—The North Carolina Housing Commission shall consist of 15 members as follows:

- (1) Five shall be appointed by the Governor;
- (2) Three shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives in accordance with G.S. 120-121;
- (3) Three shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President of the Senate in accordance with G.S. 120-121;
- (4) The Secretary of Natural Resources and Community Development or a deputy secretary of the department designated by him shall serve ex officio;
- (5) The Secretary of Commerce or a deputy secretary of the department designated by him shall serve ex officio;
- (6) The State Treasurer or a deputy State treasurer designated by him shall serve ex officio;
- (7) The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Housing Finance Agency or the executive director of the agency, if designated by him, shall serve ex officio.

"§ 147-33.12. Terms.—Of the five persons appointed under G.S. 147-33.11(1), two shall serve terms to expire June 30, 1985, and three shall serve terms to expire June 30, 1986. Of the three persons appointed under G.S. 147-33.11(2), one shall serve a term to expire June 30, 1985, and two shall serve terms to expire June 30, 1986. Of the three persons appointed under G.S. 147-33.11(3), one shall serve a term to expire June 30, 1985, and two shall serve terms to expire June 30, 1986. Subsequent terms shall be for three years.

"§ 147-33.13. Vacancies.—Vacancies in appointments by the Governor shall be filled by the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term. Vacancies in appointments by the General Assembly shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 120-122.

"§ 147-33.14. Expenses.—Members of the Commission shall receive per diem and necessary travel expenses in accordance with G.S. 138-5, except that persons in categories G.S. 147-33.11(4) through (6) shall be reimbursed in accordance with G.S. 138-6, and persons under G.S. 147-33.11(7) shall be reimbursed under G.S. 138-5 or G.S. 138-6, as appropriate.

"§ 147-33.15. Officers.—The Governor shall choose a chairman from among the membership of the Commission, but no ex officio member of the Commission may serve as chairman. The Commission shall elect from its membership a vice-chairman and shall elect a secretary.

"§ 147-33.16. Quorum; voting.—(a) Eight members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

(b) All members of the Commission have the right to vote on all issues before the Commission.

"§ 147-33.17. Meetings.—The initial meeting of the Commission shall be called by the chairman. Subsequent meetings shall be held upon the call of the chairman or upon the written request of five members.

"§ 147-33.18. Staff.—The Commission shall be administratively located in the Office of the Governor which shall provide necessary clerical equipment and administrative services to the Commission, provided the Commission shall be consulted with regard to hiring and discharging its own staff.

"§ 147-33.19. Powers and duties.—The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) To oversee and update State housing policy, and develop and implement a State housing action plan.
- (2) To encourage communication, cooperation and consultation between State agencies in housing policy, and be available to mediate such conflict between State agencies.
- (3) To foster allocation of resources by State agencies with housing responsibilities that are consistent with the State housing policy and action plan.
- (4) To obtain necessary information from other State agencies concerning housing.
- (5) To submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a biennial report on the state of housing in North Carolina.
- (6) To promote cost efficiency and lower construction costs in housing while retaining quality construction.
- (7) To propose and review legislation relating to housing.
- (8) To adopt necessary rules and regulations to implement this Article."

Sec. 2. G.S. 120-123 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(34a) The North Carolina Housing Commission as established by G.S. 147-33.10."

Sec. 3. The expenses of the Commission shall be paid from nontax revenues in the Housing Finance Agency.

Sec. 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1983, except that appointments may be made at any time after ratification of this act.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 18th day of July, 1983.