SUBCHAPTER II.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION.

Article 2.

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§ 159-3. Local Government Commission established.

(a) The Local Government Commission consists of nine members. The State Treasurer, the State Auditor, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Revenue each serve ex officio; the remaining five members are appointed to four-year terms as follows: three by the Governor, one by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore in accordance with G.S. 120-121, and one by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House in accordance with G.S. 120-121. Of the three members appointed by the Governor, one shall be or have been the mayor or a member of the governing board of a city and one shall be or have been a member of a county board of commissioners. The State Treasurer is chairman ex officio of the Local Government Commission. Membership on the Commission is an office that may be held concurrently with one other office, as permitted by G.S. 128-1.1.

(b) The Commission shall meet at least quarterly in the City of Raleigh, and may hold special meetings at any time or place upon notice to each member given in person or by mail not later than the fifth day before the meeting. The notice need not state the purpose of the meeting.

Action of the Commission shall be taken by resolution adopted by majority vote of those present and voting. A majority of the Commission constitutes a quorum.

(c) The appointed members of the Commission are entitled to the per diem compensation and allowances prescribed by G.S. 138-5. All members are entitled to reimbursement for necessary travel and other expenses.

(d) The Commission may call upon the Attorney General for legal advice in relation to its powers and duties.

(e) The Local Government Commission shall operate as a division of the Department of the State Treasurer.

(f) The Commission may adopt rules and regulations to carry out its powers and duties.

(g) An individual serving on the Local Government Commission shall be immune individually from civil liability for monetary damages, except to the extent covered by insurance, for any act or failure to act arising out of that service, except where any of the following apply:

(1) The individual was not acting within the scope of that individual's official duties.

(2) The individual was not acting in good faith.

(3) The individual committed gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct that resulted in the damages or injury.

(4) The individual derived an improper personal financial benefit, either directly or indirectly, from the transaction.

(5) The individual incurred the liability from the operation of a motor vehicle. (1931, c. 60, s. 7; c. 296, s. 8; 1933, c. 31, s. 1; 1957, c. 541, s. 18; 1963, c. 1130; 1969, c. 445, s. 1; 1971, c. 780, s. 1; 1973, c. 474, s. 2; c. 476, s. 193; 1995, c. 490, s. 30(a); 2018-84, s. 6(a).)