

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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HOUSE BILL 2373

Short Title: Small System Wastewater Study.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Hardaway; H. Hunter and Hackney.

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Referred to: Rules.

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June 6, 1990

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO  
2 STUDY INDIVIDUAL AND SMALL SYSTEM WATER AND WASTEWATER  
3 NEEDS.  
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5 Whereas, access to clean drinking water and adequate methods of wastewater  
6 disposal is essential to the public health, environment, and economy of North Carolina;  
7 and

8 Whereas, hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians live without access to  
9 basic water and wastewater services every day; and

10 Whereas, most of these North Carolinians are the people least able to help  
11 themselves and are comprised mainly of the poor, the very old, and the very young; and

12 Whereas, there are few or no resources available to assist individuals who do  
13 not have access to basic water and wastewater services; and

14 Whereas, there is a lack of adequate information on individual and small  
15 system water and wastewater needs; Now, therefore,

16 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

17 Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission may study individual  
18 household and small system water needs and the obstacles preventing access to potable  
19 water supplies and safe wastewater disposal methods for many of the State's citizens.  
20 The Legislative Research Commission may consider economic, health, and  
21 environmental problems that occur with small wastewater systems not owned by the  
22 State or local governments and shall focus its study on outhouses, failing septic tanks,  
23 and small failing waste treatment systems. The Legislative Research Commission may

1 consider the laws and rules governing small waste treatment systems and any other  
2 information relevant to this study.

3 The Legislative Research Commission may make its final report to the 1991 General  
4 Assembly.

5 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative  
6 Research Commission for the 1990-91 fiscal year the sum of \$15,000 to fund the study.

7 Sec. 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1990.