

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 410

Short Title: Newbold-White House Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives James and R. Thompson.

Referred to: Basic Resources.

March 1, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE PERQUIMANS COUNTY
2 RESTORATION ASSOCIATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND
3 SURROUNDING THE NEWBOLD-WHITE HOUSE AND THE CONTINUED
4 DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE'S VISITOR INTERPRETATION AS THE
5 SEVENTEENTH CENTURY HISTORY CENTER FOR NORTHEASTERN
6 NORTH CAROLINA.
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8 Whereas, 1989 marks the three hundredth anniversary of the beginning of
9 North Carolina's history as an independent political unit; and

10 Whereas, this history began in 1689 when the Lords Proprietors appointed
11 Philip Ludwell as Governor of that part of Carolina lying "north and east of Cape
12 Feare;"and

13 Whereas, much of the business of governing this newly-designated colony
14 was conducted at the State's oldest house, Newbold-White, one and one-half miles
15 downriver from the present town of Hertford in Perquimans County; and

16 Whereas, the Newbold-White House is the only surviving meeting place of
17 the Proprietary period government (1663 - 1729); and

18 Whereas, the Newbold-White House has been restored under the auspices of
19 the Perquimans County Restoration Association, the State of North Carolina, and
20 numerous private donors; and

21 Whereas, the Newbold-White House is now open for public visitation, school
22 groups, and other educational functions; and

1 Whereas, this historic property supplies the "missing link" between the 1584-
2 87 failure of the English to seat a permanent settlement on Roanoke Island and the
3 founding of North Carolina's first town, Bath; and

4 Whereas, land which was once part of the Newbold-White plantation
5 property is now in private hands; and

6 Whereas, this land is to be sold in the near future; and

7 Whereas, this land is badly needed in order to protect North Carolina's oldest
8 house from encroachment by modern development; to preserve for the future a realistic
9 presentation of a Tidewater North Carolina plantation, complete with a seventeenth
10 century wharf on the Perquimans River; and to provide space for the interpretation of
11 the life-style and agricultural practices of the seventeenth century; Now, therefore,
12 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

13 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to The Perquimans
14 County Restoration Association, Inc., the sum of three hundred thousand dollars
15 (\$300,000) for the 1989-90 fiscal year for the purchase of land surrounding the
16 Newbold-White House; and for the continued development of the historic property's
17 visitor interpretation as the seventeenth century history center for Northeastern North
18 Carolina.

19 Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.