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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13*

Sponsors: Senators Tally, Basnight, Block, Walker, Winner; Plexico, Smith, and Ward.

Referred to: Appropriations.

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
2 COMMISSION STUDY ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATE STRATEGY
3 FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL GROUNDWATER RESOURCES.

4 Whereas, the 1989 Session of the General Assembly authorized the
5 Legislative Research Commission, Section 2.1 of Chapter 802 of the 1989 Session Laws
6 to study the development of a State strategy for the protection of all groundwater
7 resources; and

8 Whereas, the 1990 Session of the General Assembly authorized the
9 Legislative Research Commission, Section 2.1 of Chapter 1078 of the 1990 Session
10 Laws to study individual and small system wastewater needs, which study was referred
11 to the Groundwater Study Commission; and

12 Whereas, in order to protect groundwater resources it is necessary to study all
13 activities which affect groundwater; and

14 Whereas, the Groundwater Study Committee was unable to complete its work
15 due to its expanded scope;

16 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

17 Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission as structured by Article 6B
18 of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes, may continue the study of all groundwater
19 management issues in the State of North Carolina. The Commission shall ascertain the
20 need for a Comprehensive Groundwater Protection Act which would correct the impact
21 of fragmented and ambiguous authorities on the State's ability to effectively protect
22 groundwater resources. In addition, the Commission shall continue to study the effects
23 of all groundwater pollution on the State's ability to provide clean drinking water for all

1 of its citizens, including but not limited to: improper and unregulated well construction;
2 leaking underground storage tanks; improper solid and hazardous waste disposal; and
3 pesticide contamination. Further, the Commission shall continue to study individual
4 and small system wastewater needs and access to these basic resources. The
5 Commission is further authorized to prepare an interim report of its study, and to make a
6 final report, including recommendations to the 1993 General Assembly.

7 Sec. 2. This resolution is effective upon ratification.