



(5) Manual and labor intensive production of the North Carolina Register. The North Carolina Register contains the status of proposed permanent and temporary rules. The current process for publishing information in the Register is labor-intensive and extremely inefficient.

(6) Rule conflict management under the current system makes it difficult to determine if there are conflicts between proposed rules and existing rules; and

Whereas, a fully automated and opened rule management system would provide rule-drafting, editing, and rule-tracking capabilities to the North Carolina General Assembly, the Office of Administrative Hearings, and the Rules Review Commission. This system would be fully open and compatible with the State technology infrastructure ensuring compatability with all State agencies; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2           Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General  
3 Assembly, Legislative Services Office, the sum of three hundred thirty-five thousand  
4 dollars (\$335,000) for the 1996-97 fiscal year. These funds shall be used for the  
5 development of an automated rule management system to provide electronic access by  
6 the General Assembly, the Office of Administrative Hearings, and the Rules Review  
7 Commission to all phases of the Administrative Procedures Act rule-making process.

8           Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1996.