

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 213**

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Sponsors: Senators Conder and Cochrane.

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NORTH CAROLINA'S PARTICIPATION  
2 IN A CONFERENCE OF THE STATES.

3 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

4 Section 1. A delegation not to exceed seven voting persons from the State of  
5 North Carolina shall be appointed to represent the State of North Carolina at a  
6 Conference of the States for the purposes described in Section 2 of this resolution, to be  
7 convened as provided in Section 3 of this resolution. The delegation shall not exceed  
8 seven voting persons as follows: (a) the Governor or, if the Governor does not wish to  
9 be a member of the delegation then a constitutional officer selected by the Governor;  
10 and (b) a number of legislators not to exceed six; three from each house, of which at  
11 least one shall be from each major political party, selected by the Speaker of the House  
12 of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The Speaker of the  
13 House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate may designate  
14 two alternate legislator delegates, one from each party, who have voting privileges in  
15 the absence of the primary delegates.

16 Sec. 2. The delegates of The Conference of the States will propose, debate,  
17 and vote on elements of an Action Plan to restore checks and balances between states  
18 and the national government. Measures agreed upon will be formalized in an  
19 instrument called a States' Petition and returned to the delegation's state for  
20 consideration by the entire legislature.

21 Sec. 3. The Conference of States shall be convened under the § 501(c)3  
22 auspices of The Council of State Governments in cooperation with the National

1 Governors' Association and the National Conference of State Legislatures no later than  
2 270 days after at least 26 legislatures adopt a resolution of participation.

3           Sec. 4. Prior to the official convening of The Conference of the States, the  
4 steering committee will draft:

5           (a) The governance structure and procedural rules for the Conference;

6           (b) The process for receiving rebalancing proposals; and

7           (c) The financial and administrative functions of the Conference,  
8 including The Council of State Governments as fiscal agent.

9           Sec. 5. The bylaws shall:

10           (a) Conform to the provisions of this resolution;

11           (b) Specify that each state delegation shall have one vote at the  
12 Conference; and

13           (c) Specify that the Conference agenda be limited to fundamental,  
14 structural, long-term reforms.

15           Sec. 6. Upon the official convening of The Conference of the States, the state  
16 delegations will vote upon and approve the Conference governing structure, operating  
17 rules, and bylaws.

18           Sec. 7. Adoption of this resolution does not constitute an application by the  
19 General Assembly of North Carolina for the calling of a federal constitutional  
20 convention within the meaning of Article V of the United States Constitution.

21           Sec. 8. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
22 to the Governing Board of the Council of State Governments.

23           Sec. 9. This resolution is effective upon ratification.