

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 2648

Short Title: Election Directors Study/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Goodwin, Underhill (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Faison, Pierce, and Wainwright.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, if favorable, Appropriations.

May 28, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE STUDY
3 COMMISSION ON COMPENSATION FOR COUNTY ELECTION DIRECTORS
4 AND TO ESTABLISH THAT COMMISSION.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is created the Legislative Study Commission on
7 Compensation for County Election Directors (Commission). The Commission shall
8 consist of 10 voting members appointed as follows:

- 9 (1) Five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives, to include:
11 a. Three members of the House of Representatives.
12 b. One county election director.
13 c. One county commissioner.
14 (2) Five members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate,
15 to include:
16 a. Three members of the Senate.
17 b. At least one county election board member.

18 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Commission shall include nonvoting, ex officio
19 members as follows:

- 20 (1) The Executive Director of the State Board of Elections, or the
21 Executive Director's designee.
22 (2) The Chair of the State Board of Elections, or the Chair's designee.

23 **SECTION 1.(c)** The Commission shall:

- 24 (1) Review and assess current system and level of compensation for
25 county election directors.
26 (2) Review the systems and levels of compensation for local election
27 officials in other states.

1 (3) Study any other matter the Commission deems relevant.

2 (4) Make a final report to the 2009 General Assembly that includes
3 findings, recommendations, and legislative proposals relating to
4 compensation for county election directors.

5 **SECTION 1.(d)** The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
6 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each appoint a cochair for the Commission.
7 The Commission may contract for consultant services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02.
8 Upon approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Legislative Services Officer
9 shall assign professional and clerical staff to assist in the work of the Commission.
10 Clerical staff shall be furnished to the Commission through the offices of the House of
11 Representatives and the Senate Directors of Legislative Assistants. The Commission
12 may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building upon the
13 approval of the Legislative Services Commission. Members of the Commission shall
14 receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances at the rate established in
15 G.S. 120-3.1. The appointing authority shall fill vacancies. The Commission, while in
16 the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all the powers provided under the
17 provisions of G.S. 120-19 through G.S. 120-19.4, including the power to request all
18 officers, agents, agencies, and departments of the State to provide any information, data,
19 or documents within their possession, ascertainable from their records, or otherwise
20 available to them and the power to subpoena witnesses.

21 **SECTION 1.(e)** The Commission shall terminate upon filing its final report.

22 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General
23 Assembly the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal
24 year to fund the work of the Legislative Study Commission on Compensation for
25 County Election Directors created by this act.

26 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.