

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2007**

**SENATE BILL 1431  
RATIFIED BILL**

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF DEEP RIVER STATE TRAIL TO  
THE STATE PARKS SYSTEM AND TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF  
THE NORTH CAROLINA PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** The General Assembly authorizes the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to add Deep River State Trail to the State Parks System as provided in G.S. 113-44.14(b). The Department may acquire and manage lands and easements for this purpose, and shall promote, encourage, and facilitate the establishment of connecting trail segments by other federal, State, local, and private landowners. On segments of the Deep River State Trail that cross property controlled by agencies or owners other than the Division of Parks and Recreation, the laws, rules, and policies of those agencies or owners shall govern the use of the property.

**SECTION 1.(b)** Section 12.9 of S.L. 2007-323 is repealed.

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 143B-313.2 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 143B-313.2. North Carolina Parks and Recreation Authority; members; selection; compensation; meetings.**

(a) Membership. – The North Carolina Parks and Recreation Authority shall consist of ~~14~~15 members. The members shall include persons who are knowledgeable about park and recreation issues in North Carolina or with expertise in finance. In making appointments, each appointing authority shall specify under which subdivision of this subsection the person is appointed. Members shall be appointed as follows:

- (1) One member appointed by the Governor.
- (2) One member appointed by the Governor.
- (3) One member appointed by the Governor.
- (3a) One member appointed by the Governor.
- (3b) One member appointed by the Governor.
- (4) One member appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as provided in G.S. 120-121.
- (5) One member appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as provided in G.S. 120-121.
- (6) One member appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as provided in G.S. 120-121.
- (7) One member appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as provided in G.S. 120-121.
- (7a) One member appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as provided in G.S. 120-121.
- (8) One member appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, as provided in G.S. 120-121.

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- (11) One member appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, as provided in G.S. 120-121.
- (12) One member appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, as provided in G.S. 120-121.

(b) Terms. – Members shall serve staggered terms of office of three years. Members shall serve no more than two consecutive three-year terms. After serving two consecutive three-year terms, a member is not eligible for appointment to the Authority for at least one year after the expiration date of that member's most recent term. Upon the expiration of a three-year term, a member may continue to serve until a successor is appointed and duly qualified as provided by G.S. 128-7. The terms of members appointed under subdivision (1), ~~(3a)~~, (5), (7), or (9) of subsection (a) of this section shall expire on July 1 of years that are evenly divisible by three. The terms of members appointed under subdivision (2), ~~(3b)~~, (4), (8), or (11) of subsection (a) of this section shall expire on July 1 of years that follow by one year those years that are evenly divisible by three. The terms of members appointed under subdivision (3), (6), ~~or (10)(7a)~~, (10), or (12) of subsection (a) of this section shall expire on July 1 of years that precede by one year those years that are evenly divisible by three.

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**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2007.

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Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

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Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Michael F. Easley  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007