

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**HOUSE BILL 548
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/29/15**

Short Title: Zoning/Modernize & Reorganize.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 2, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ZONING MODERNIZATION LEGISLATIVE TASK
FORCE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) Establishment. – The North Carolina Zoning Modernization
Legislative Task Force is established.

SECTION 1.(b) Membership. – The Task Force shall be composed of 16 members
as follows:

- (1) Eight members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as follows:
 - a. Three persons who are members of the House of Representatives at the time of appointment, at least one of whom represents the minority party. The Speaker shall designate one of the members as cochair.
 - b. A member of the Zoning, Planning, & Land Use Section of the North Carolina Bar Association.
 - c. A representative of the North Carolina Home Builders Association.
 - d. A person employed in the field of zoning administration or zoning enforcement recommended by the North Carolina Association of Zoning Officials.
 - e. A representative from the North Carolina League of Municipalities.
 - f. A realtor recommended by the North Carolina Association of Realtors.
- (2) Eight members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate as follows:
 - a. Three persons who are members of the Senate at the time of appointment, at least one of whom represents the minority party. The President Pro Tempore shall designate one of the members as cochair.
 - b. A certified professional planner recommended by the North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association.
 - c. A representative from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.
 - d. A Board Certified Professional Engineer recommended by the North Carolina Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers.
 - e. A licensed architect recommended by the North Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.



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1 f. A faculty member at the University of North Carolina School of
2 Government.

3 Appointments shall be made by September 1, 2015, and the first meeting shall be
4 held on or before October 1, 2015. The Task Force shall meet upon the call of the cochairs.
5 Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority. A quorum of the Task Force shall be a
6 majority of the members.

7 **SECTION 1.(c) Duties.** – The Task Force shall make recommendations on whether
8 to consolidate and modernize Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes and Article 18
9 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes. Specifically, the Task Force shall study and examine
10 the provisions of House Bill 548 from the 2015 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly.

11 **SECTION 1.(d) Compensation; Administration.** – Members of the Task Force
12 shall receive subsistence and travel allowances at the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or
13 138-6, as appropriate. The Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and clerical
14 staff to assist in the work of the Task Force. The Task Force may hold its meetings in the State
15 Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building. The Task Force, while in the discharge
16 of its official duties, may exercise all the powers provided under the provisions of G.S. 120-19
17 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4, including the power to request all officers, agents,
18 agencies, and departments of the State to provide any information, data, or documents within
19 their possession, ascertainable from their records or otherwise available to them, and the power
20 to subpoena witnesses.

21 **SECTION 1.(e) Report.** – The Task Force shall report its findings and
22 recommendations to the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly upon its
23 convening. The Task Force shall terminate on May 1, 2016, or upon the filing of its final
24 report, whichever occurs first.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.