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Short Title: Zoning/Modernize & Reorganize.

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

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 **SECTION 1.(b)** Membership. – The Task Force shall be composed of 18 members
8 as follows:

- 9 (1) Nine members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as
10 follows:
- 11 a. Three persons who are members of the House of Representatives at
12 the time of appointment, at least one of whom represents the minority
13 party. The Speaker shall designate one of the members as cochair.
 - 14 b. A member of the Zoning, Planning, & Land Use Section of the North
15 Carolina Bar Association.
 - 16 c. A representative of the North Carolina Home Builders Association.
 - 17 d. A person employed in the field of zoning administration or zoning
18 enforcement recommended by the North Carolina Association of
19 Zoning Officials.
 - 20 e. A representative from the North Carolina League of Municipalities.
 - 21 f. A realtor recommended by the North Carolina Association of
22 Realtors.
 - 23 g. A representative of NAIOP North Carolina.
- 24 (2) Nine members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate as
25 follows:
- 26 a. Three persons who are members of the Senate at the time of
27 appointment, at least one of whom represents the minority party. The
28 President Pro Tempore shall designate one of the members as
29 cochair.
 - 30 b. A certified professional planner recommended by the North Carolina
31 Chapter of the American Planning Association.
 - 32 c. A representative from the North Carolina Association of County
33 Commissioners.
 - 34 d. A Board Certified Professional Engineer recommended by the North
35 Carolina Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers.



- 1 e. A licensed architect recommended by the North Carolina Chapter of
2 the American Institute of Architects.
3 f. A faculty member at the University of North Carolina School of
4 Government.
5 g. A representative of the North Carolina Farm Bureau.

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

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

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

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

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