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HOUSE BILL 420

Short Title: Rockingham Cty Tourism Development Authority. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Bert Jones and K. Hall (Primary Sponsors).

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT CHANGING THE MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 2 of Chapter 322 of the Session Laws of 1991, as amended
6 by Chapter 52 of the Session Laws of 1995 and S.L. 2005-233, reads as rewritten:

7 "**Sec. 2.** Tourism Development Authority. –

8 (a) Appointment and Membership. – When the board of commissioners adopts a
9 resolution levying a room occupancy tax under this act, it shall also adopt a resolution creating
10 a county Tourism Development Authority, which shall be a public authority under the Local
11 Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. ~~At least one third of the members must be~~
12 ~~individuals affiliated with businesses that collect the tax in the county, and at least one half of~~
13 ~~the members must be individuals currently active in the promotion of travel and tourism in the~~
14 ~~county.~~ The Authority shall be composed of the following 12 members:

- 15 (1) The Executive Director of ~~the~~ Rockingham County Economic Development
16 ~~Commission, and Tourism,~~ who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting
17 member.
- 18 (2) A county commissioner appointed by the Rockingham County Board of
19 Commissioners, who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member.
- 20 (2a) The County Finance Officer, who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting
21 member.
- 22 (3) Two owners or operators of hotels, motels, or other taxable accommodations
23 ~~and two individuals involved in tourist businesses who have demonstrated an~~
24 ~~interest in tourism development, appointed as follows: one by the~~
25 ~~Rockingham County Board of Commissioners and one by each chamber of~~
26 ~~commerce in Rockingham County that collect the occupancy tax.~~
- 27 (4) Five ~~Seven~~ individuals involved in businesses or professions ~~that are~~
28 ~~concerned with or affected by tourism development in such a way that their~~
29 ~~expertise would benefit the Authority, appointed as follows: one by each~~
30 ~~chamber of commerce in Rockingham County and two by the Rockingham~~
31 ~~County Board of Commissioners.~~ Authority. These individuals may be
32 affiliated with businesses that collect the occupancy tax but shall not be
33 required to have such affiliation.
- 34 (5) ~~The President of the Chinqua Penn Foundation, Inc., who shall serve as an~~
35 ~~ex officio, nonvoting member.~~



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1 All members of the Authority shall serve without compensation. Vacancies in the Authority
2 shall be filled by the ~~appointing authority of the member creating the vacancy.~~Rockingham
3 County Board of Commissioners. Members appointed to fill vacancies shall serve for the
4 remainder of the unexpired term which they are appointed to fill. ~~Except as provided in~~
5 ~~subsection (b) for initial members, members~~Members shall serve three-year terms. ~~Members~~
6 Voting members may serve no more than two consecutive terms. The members shall elect a
7 chair from the ~~membership~~voting members of the Authority, who shall serve for a term of ~~two~~
8 ~~years.~~one year. The Authority shall meet at the call of the chair and shall adopt rules of
9 procedure to govern its meetings. The Finance Officer for Rockingham County shall be the ex
10 officio finance officer of the Authority.

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12 **SECTION 2.** The members of Rockingham County Economic Development and
13 Tourism serving on the date this act becomes law shall continue to serve until the expiration of
14 their terms. Upon the expiration of each of the members' terms, the Rockingham County Board
15 of Commissioners shall appoint a person to Rockingham County Economic Development and
16 Tourism as provided in Section 2 of Chapter 322 of the Session Laws of 1991, as amended by
17 Chapter 52 of the Session Laws of 1995, S.L. 2005-233, and Section 1 of this act.

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