

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1965 SESSION

CHAPTER 353
HOUSE BILL 341

1 AN ACT RELATING TO THE HISTORIC BATH COMMISSION.
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3 WHEREAS, by Chapter 1005 of the Session Laws of 1959 and Chapter 997 of the
4 Session Laws of 1963, the Historic Bath Commission was authorized and established (and such
5 Commission was later appointed by the Governor) and the Commission is now in existence and
6 functioning, and appropriations were made to the State Department of Archives and History for
7 the restoration, improvement, and maintenance of certain real and personal estate in the Town
8 of Bath, as a State Historic Site; and

9 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper further to define and clarify the authority,
10 functions, and duties respectively of the Historic Bath Commission and the State Department of
11 Archives and History, relating to Historic Bath State Historic Site: Now, therefore,
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13 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:
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15 **Section 1.** Effective July 1, 1965, the Historic Bath Commission shall consist of the
16 following ex officio members: the Mayor of the Town of Bath, the Chairman of the Board of
17 Commissioners of Beaufort County, and the Director of the State Department of Archives and
18 History, or a deputy designated by each of the aforesaid ex officio members. In addition the
19 Commission shall include twenty-five members to be appointed by the Governor, five for a
20 term of one year, five for a term of two years, five for a term of three years, five for a term of
21 four years, and five for a term of five years, and as the terms of each group expire, their
22 successors shall be appointed for full five-year terms. The Governor is authorized to fill any
23 vacancies in the terms of any of the appointed members.

24 **Sec. 2.** The Commission is authorized and empowered to receive property, in behalf
25 of the State, both real and personal, by gift, devise, bequest, or otherwise, subject to the general
26 laws of the State relating to acquisition of property by the State, and to solicit funds for the
27 restoration and repair of such property, provided that in advance, before such property or
28 properties is or are acquired, restored, moved from one location to another, or otherwise acted
29 upon, all such actions shall have been approved in writing by the Director of the Department of
30 Archives and History, in accordance with criteria developed by the Historic Sites Advisory
31 Committee, and in accordance with Section 121-8.2 of the General Statutes. The governing
32 bodies of the counties and municipalities of the State are authorized to appropriate any surplus
33 funds, not derived from taxation, to said Commission for the purpose of acquiring and restoring
34 property, as authorized above.

35 **Sec. 3.** When title to the aforesaid property has been conveyed to the State of North
36 Carolina, the State Department of Archives and History shall administer such property, as
37 authorized in Chapter 121 of the General Statutes.

38 **Sec. 4.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

39 **Sec. 5.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

40 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 28th day of April,
41 1965.