

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1967 SESSION

CHAPTER 1235
SENATE BILL 666

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE PARKS AND STATE FORESTS
2 STUDY COMMISSION.

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4 WHEREAS, North Carolina's rapidly increasing population has brought about a
5 growing public demand for outdoor recreation facilities; and

6 WHEREAS, the State's population growth is centered in urban and suburban areas
7 which require ever-expanding outdoor recreation facilities; and

8 WHEREAS, the State has no comprehensive plan or policy for meeting present and
9 long range needs for State park and forest resources; and

10 WHEREAS, there exists a need for improved coordination between Federal, State,
11 local and private efforts to provide for the future recreational needs of the State; and

12 WHEREAS, recreational uses of land are often compatible with other purposes such
13 as the development of adequate water resources, forest management, and urban renewal; and

14 WHEREAS, the accelerated development of North Carolina's park and forest
15 facilities for outdoor recreation will enhance the State's tourist and travel industries to the
16 economic benefit and enjoyment of all her citizens; and

17 WHEREAS, the provision of adequate State park and forest facilities increases
18 community values and promotes the general attractiveness of the State to its citizens and to new
19 industries seeking sites; and

20 WHEREAS, the Board of Conservation and Development has by special resolution
21 requested the 1967 General Assembly to provide for a commission study of this subject: Now,
22 therefore,

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24 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

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26 **Section 1.** There is hereby created a State Parks and State Forests Study
27 Commission as follows: The Commission shall consist of 15 members; nine to be named by the
28 Governor, three to be named by the Lieutenant Governor from the membership of the Senate,
29 and three to be named by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from the membership of
30 the House. The Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Commission. Members of the
31 Commission shall receive for their services the same per diem and allowances as are granted
32 the members of State commissions generally, but shall be paid no other compensation.

33 **Sec. 2.** Ex officio members of the Commission shall include the Director of the
34 Department of Administration, the Chairman of the North Carolina Department of
35 Conservation and Development, the Chairman of the State Highway Commission, the
36 Chairman of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, the Chairman of the North
37 Carolina Seashore Commission, the Chairman of the North Carolina Recreation Commission,
38 and the Chairman of the Board of Water Resources.

39 **Sec. 3.** The Commission shall inventory and evaluate the public park and public
40 forest facilities in North Carolina and those private lands that may become available for public
41 use in relation to its estimate of present and projected needs, and it shall describe that part of
42 the total needs which are the responsibility of the State and offer a program for meeting these
43 needs.

1 **Sec. 4.** The Commission may cooperate with and utilize data available from the
2 State Planning Task Force and its study entitled The North Carolina Comprehensive Outdoor
3 Recreation Plan; the Department of Conservation and Development and other appropriate
4 public agencies. The Commission may employ consultants and full-time personnel, and may
5 rent office space, if necessary, in pursuit of its task.

6 **Sec. 5.** The Commission may accept and expend gifts, grants and donations from
7 any and all sources and persons.

8 **Sec. 6.** The Commission shall complete its study and report to the Governor and the
9 General Assembly not later than the second week after convening of the 1969 General
10 Assembly.

11 **Sec. 7.** The Commission shall be terminated two years from the date of enactment
12 of this Act unless otherwise provided by the General Assembly.

13 **Sec. 8.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

14 **Sec. 9.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

15 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 6th day of July, 1967.