

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 311  
HOUSE BILL 1110

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 101 OF THE 1973 SESSION LAWS  
CONCERNING THE COLUMBUS COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
AND COUNTY POLICE FORCE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** Chapter 101 of the Session Laws of 1973 is hereby amended by the addition of a new section, to be known as Section 21, to read as follows:

"Sec. 21. The following are hereby appointed members of the Columbus County Public Safety Commission and shall serve for a period of two years, in accordance with Section 1 of this act; Worth Stanly, G. E. 'Buddy' Byrd and Paul E. Nance. The following individual is hereby appointed a member of the Columbus County Public Safety Commission and shall serve for a period of four years in accordance with the terms of Section 1 of this act; Jesse Frank Graham. The following individual is hereby appointed a member, and Chairman, of the Columbus County Public Safety Commission, and in accordance with the terms of Section 1 of this act shall serve for a period of four years; E. Julius Elkins."

**Sec. 2.** Chapter 101 of the Session Laws of 1973 is hereby amended by adding a new section to be known as Section 22 to read as follows:

"Sec. 22. In the event any vacancy occurs on the Columbus County Public Safety Commission, because of death, resignation, or any other reason, and such vacancy occurs while the General Assembly is not in session, then those members of the current General Assembly, both Senate and House, residing in Columbus County, shall designate an individual to serve on the Columbus County Public Safety Commission for the remaining period of such vacancy. In the event that there are no members of the General Assembly, either Senate or House, residing in Columbus County, or after 10 days from the time such vacancy has occurred they are unable to decide on an individual to fill such vacancy, then such vacancy shall be filled by the remaining members of the Columbus County Public Safety Commission."

**Sec. 3.** Chapter 101 of the Session Laws of 1973 is hereby amended by the addition of a new section to be known as Section 23, to read as follows:

"Sec. 23. All individuals employed by the Columbus County Public Safety Commission shall have their salaries set by the Columbus County Public Safety Commission; provided, however, that:

(1) The Chief of the Columbus County Police Force shall not receive less than nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) a month and be provided with a motor vehicle to be used

on all official duties. Such motor vehicle shall also include all costs arising out of the use, operation, and maintenance of such motor vehicle.

(2) Police Officers of the Columbus County Police Force shall receive not less than six hundred fifty dollars (\$650.00) per month and be provided with a motor vehicle to be used on all official duties. Such motor vehicle shall also include all costs arising out of the use, operation, and maintenance of such motor vehicle.

(3) In accordance with Section 15 of Chapter 101 of the Session Laws of 1973, if the Chief of Police deems it necessary to designate one policeman to serve as criminal investigator, then his salary shall not be less than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) per month plus he shall be provided with a motor vehicle to be used on all official duties. Such motor vehicle shall also include all costs arising out of the use, operation, and maintenance of such motor vehicle.

(4) In accordance with Section 4 of Chapter 101 of the Session Laws of 1973, the jailer shall be paid not less than five hundred fifty dollars (\$550.00) a month, and any assistant jailers not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per month."

**Sec. 4.** Chapter 101 of the Session Laws of 1973, Section 6, is hereby amended by striking the word "men" as such appears in the second sentence of such section.

**Sec. 5.** Chapter 101 of the Session Laws of 1973, Section 4, is hereby amended by adding the following additional sentences at the end of said Section 4: "The jailer and assistant jailers shall have the same powers of arrest as the County policemen when performing their official duties and when called upon for assistance by the Chief or any policeman of the Columbus County Police.

The jailer and assistant jailers, before entering upon the discharge of their duties shall take and subscribe to the following oath:

'I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support and maintain the Constitution and Laws of the United States and the Constitution and Laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as \_\_\_\_\_ so help me, God. (I do so affirm).'

The Public Safety Commission may require the jailer and each assistant jailer before entering on the duties of his office to enter into a bond with surety to be approved and filed with the Clerk of Court payable to the County in a sum set by the Public Safety Commission and conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties and for such damages as may be sustained by reason of his malfeasance in office or abusing his authority."

**Sec. 6.** This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 3rd day of May, 1973.