

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1991 SESSION

CHAPTER 467
HOUSE BILL 595

AN ACT TO ADD AN INDIAN MEMBER FROM THE MEHERRIN TRIBE TO THE
COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS AND TO MAKE CERTAIN TECHNICAL
CHANGES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 143B-407(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The State Commission of Indian Affairs shall consist of two persons appointed by the General Assembly, the Secretary of Human Resources, the Director of the State Employment Security Commission, the Secretary of Administration, the Secretary of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, the Commissioner of Labor or their designees and ~~15-18~~ representatives of the Indian community. These ~~15~~ Indian members shall be selected by tribal or community consent from the Indian groups that are recognized by the State of North Carolina and are principally geographically located as follows: the Coharie of Sampson and Harnett Counties; the Eastern Band of Cherokees; the Haliwa of Halifax, Warren, and adjoining counties; the Lumbees of Robeson, Hoke and Scotland Counties; the Meherrin of Hertford County; the Waccamaw-Siouan from Columbus and Bladen Counties; and the Native Americans located in Cumberland, Guilford and Mecklenburg Counties. The Coharie shall have two members; the Eastern Band of Cherokees, two; the Haliwa, two; the Lumbees, three; the Meherrin, one; the Waccamaw-Siouan, two; the Cumberland County Association for Indian People, two; the Guilford Native Americans, two; the Metrolian Native Americans, two. ~~If the Eastern Band of Cherokees should choose to participate, then they shall have two members on the commission thereby bringing the total Indian membership to 17.~~ Of the two appointments made by the General Assembly, one shall be made upon the recommendation of the Speaker, and one shall be made upon recommendation of the President of the Senate. Appointments by the General Assembly shall be made in accordance with G.S. 120-121 and vacancies shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 120-122."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 1st day of July, 1991.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives