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HOUSE BILL 745

**Senate State Government, Local Government, and Veterans' Affairs Committee
Substitute Adopted 5/14/03**

Short Title: Indian Cultural Center Changes.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 27, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NORTH CAROLINA INDIAN
2 CULTURAL CENTER BOARD.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Subsection (b) of Section 2 of S.L. 1997-41, as amended by
6 S.L. 1998-19 and S.L. 2001-318, reads as rewritten:

7 "(b) The Board of the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center, Inc., shall consist of
8 ~~17~~ 19 members, appointed as follows:

- 9 (1) One member representing each of the following Indian groups
10 recognized by the State of North Carolina: the Coharie of Sampson
11 and Harnett Counties; the Eastern Band of Cherokees; the Haliwa of
12 Halifax, Warren, and adjoining counties;
- 13 (2) One member each from the following Indian organizations: the
14 Cumberland County Association for Indian People, the Guilford
15 Native Americans, the Metrolina Native Americans, and the Triangle
16 Native American Society;
- 17 (3) ~~One member~~ Two members representing the education community of
18 the ~~State~~; State and residing in Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Hoke,
19 Robeson, or Scotland County;
- 20 (4) ~~Two~~ Three members representing the business community of the ~~State~~;
21 State and residing in Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson,
22 or Scotland County;
- 23 (5) Two members representing the government of the State of North
24 Carolina; and
- 25 (6) One member representing the federal government.

26 Each member designated in subdivisions (1) and (2) above shall be appointed by the
27 North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs from two prioritized nominations
28 submitted by the group or organization to be represented by that member. Each member

1 designated in subdivisions (3) through (6) above shall be appointed by the North
2 Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs from two prioritized nominations submitted by
3 the Board of the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center, Inc. If the nominating group or
4 organization submits only one nomination or fails to submit nominations for any reason
5 within 30 days after the date designated for submission by the Commission, the
6 Commission shall appoint a member of its choice to fill the requirement. The Board of
7 the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center, Inc., shall appoint a chair from the Board
8 membership.

9 Members shall serve two-year terms, except that the initial terms of:

- 10 (1) The members representing the Coharie of Sampson and Harnett
11 Counties, the Eastern Band of Cherokees, the Indians of Person
12 County; and the Meherrin of Hertford County; the member
13 representing the Metrolina Native Americans; the member
14 representing the education community of the State; one member
15 representing the government of the State of North Carolina; and one
16 member representing the business community shall be for one year;
17 and
- 18 (2) The members representing the Haliwa of Halifax, Warren, and
19 adjoining counties, the Lumbees of Robeson, Hoke, and Scotland
20 Counties, and the Waccamaw-Siouan from Columbus and Bladen
21 Counties; the members representing the Cumberland County
22 Association for Indian People and the Guilford Native Americans; one
23 member representing the business community of the State; one
24 member representing the government of the State of North Carolina;
25 and one member representing the federal government shall be for two
26 years."

27 **SECTION 2.** The initial term of the additional Lumbee representative
28 provided for in Section 1 of this act shall be for one year. The initial term of the
29 additional Waccamaw-Siouan representative shall be for two years. If the members
30 representing the education community, the business community, and the government of
31 the State of North Carolina do not meet the residency requirement provided for in
32 Section 1 of this act on the effective date of this act, new members shall be appointed to
33 those seats to serve the remainder of those members' terms.

34 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2003.