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**SENATE DRS35114-LC-54 (03/12)**

Short Title: Adjust Eastern Region Commission.

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Sponsors: Senator Swindell.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REDUCE THE MINIMUM MEMBERSHIP OF THE GLOBAL  
TRANSPARK DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ALSO CALLED THE  
EASTERN REGION COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 158-35 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 158-35. Commission membership, officers, compensation.**

(a) Commission Membership. – The governing body of the Zone is the Global  
TransPark Development Commission. The members of the Commission must be  
residents of the Zone and shall be appointed as follows:

(1) The board of commissioners of each county participating in the Zone  
shall appoint three voting members, one of whom shall be a minority  
person as defined in G.S. 143-128.2(g)(2) and one of whom may be a  
member of the board of commissioners.

(2) The Commission ~~shall appoint at least three but no more than~~may  
appoint up to seven voting members. By the appointment of these  
members, the Commission shall ensure that the voting membership of  
the Commission includes at least seven women and seven members of  
a racial minority described in G.S. 143-128.2(g)(2). The Commission  
shall appoint the fewest number of members necessary to achieve  
these minimums.

(3) Four nonvoting members shall be appointed as follows:

a. One appointed by the Chancellor of East Carolina University to  
represent the University.

b. One appointed by a majority vote of the presidents of the  
community colleges located in the Zone, to represent the  
community colleges.

- 1 c. One appointed by the chair of the State Ports Authority, to  
2 represent the sea ports of the State.  
3 d. One member of the board of directors of the Global TransPark  
4 Foundation, Inc., appointed by that board.

5 (b) Terms. – Members of the Commission shall serve for staggered four-year  
6 terms. The members appointed by the Chancellor of East Carolina University and by the  
7 chair of the State Ports Authority shall serve an initial term of two years. The members  
8 appointed by the community colleges located in the Zone and by the board of directors  
9 of the Global TransPark Foundation, Inc., shall serve an initial term of four years. ~~The~~  
10 ~~Authority shall designate at least one half of its appointees to serve an initial term of~~  
11 ~~two years; its remaining appointees shall serve an initial term of four years.~~ Each board  
12 of commissioners shall designate one of its appointees to serve an initial term of four  
13 years, one to serve an initial term of two years, and one to serve an initial term to be  
14 determined at the first meeting of the Commission. One-half of the appointees  
15 designated to serve an undetermined initial term shall serve an initial term of two years,  
16 as determined by lot at the first meeting of the Commission. The remainder of the  
17 appointees designated to serve an undetermined initial term shall serve an initial term of  
18 four years. Initial terms begin upon approval by the Secretary of State of the articles of  
19 incorporation.

20 (c) Removal; Vacancies. – A member of the Commission may be removed with  
21 or without cause by the appointing body. In addition, a majority of the Commission  
22 members may, by majority vote, remove a member of the Commission if that member  
23 does not attend at least three-quarters of the regularly scheduled meetings of the  
24 Commission during any consecutive 12-month period of service of that member on the  
25 Commission, except that absences excused by the Commission due to serious medical  
26 or family circumstances shall not be considered. If the Commission votes to remove a  
27 member under this subsection, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the  
28 original appointment. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made for the remainder of  
29 the unexpired term by the respective appointing authority. All members shall serve until  
30 their successors are appointed and qualified, unless removed from office.

31 (d) Dual Office Holding. – Service on the Commission may be in addition to any  
32 other office a person is entitled to hold.

33 (e) Officers. – The Commission shall annually elect from its membership a  
34 chairperson and a vice-chairperson, and shall annually elect a secretary and a treasurer.  
35 After the Commission has been duly organized and its officers elected as provided in  
36 this section, the secretary of the Commission shall certify to the Secretary of State the  
37 names and addresses of the officers as well as the address of the principal office of the  
38 Commission.

39 (f) Compensation. – The members of the Commission shall receive no  
40 compensation other than travel, subsistence, and reasonable per diem expenses  
41 determined by the Commission for attendance at Commission meetings and other  
42 official Zone functions."

43 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law. This act does not  
44 affect the term of any current member of the Commission.