



- 1 (6) The President of the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center or  
2 the President's designee.
- 3 (7) The Executive Director of the North Carolina Clean Water Management  
4 Trust Fund or the Executive Director's designee.
- 5 (8) The Executive Director of the North Carolina League of Municipalities or  
6 the Executive Director's designee.
- 7 (9) The Executive Director of the North Carolina Association of County  
8 Commissioners or the Executive Director's designee.

9 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Legislative Study Commission on Water and Wastewater  
10 Infrastructure shall focus on the development of an ongoing process to identify and regularly  
11 report to the North Carolina General Assembly on statewide water and wastewater  
12 infrastructure needs and to improve the delivery of State appropriated water and wastewater  
13 programs. The Commission shall specifically do all of the following:

- 14 (1) Evaluate the information provided through the drinking water and  
15 wastewater needs assessment prepared by the Environmental Protection  
16 Agency (EPA) every four years, the drinking water and wastewater needs  
17 surveys currently done by the North Carolina Department of Environment  
18 and Natural Resources in support of the EPA needs assessment; the data  
19 compiled as part of Water 2030 by the North Carolina Rural Economic  
20 Development Center, Inc., and any other existing data sets in order to  
21 determine what information currently exists and where there may be gaps in  
22 the data.
- 23 (2) Conduct at least five meetings of stakeholders in locations across the State as  
24 part of determining the ongoing method for regularly determining and  
25 reporting on the State's water and wastewater infrastructure needs.
- 26 (3) Select a method for identifying and reporting on infrastructure needs in the  
27 future.
- 28 (4) Review infrastructure funding priorities currently set out in State law to  
29 determine whether the priorities appropriately reflect the State's most  
30 pressing needs in light of future growth projections.
- 31 (5) Recommend changes to infrastructure funding priorities and appropriations  
32 processes to ensure that funds are used to meet the State's most pressing  
33 needs.
- 34 (6) Ascertain the capacity and role of the State in bridging identified gaps  
35 between funding priorities and available funds.
- 36 (7) Determine what steps funding agencies can take to improve the delivery of  
37 existing funding programs, including the following options:
  - 38 a. Developing common application requirements;
  - 39 b. Scheduling regular joint meetings between funders and applicants;
  - 40 c. Where projects are jointly funded, exploring options to share and  
41 improve oversight responsibilities; and
  - 42 d. Coordinating reporting requirements to produce a single integrated  
43 funders report on an annual basis.
- 44 (8) Prepare a report on the key findings of the work of the Commission.

45 **SECTION 1.(c)** The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President  
46 Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each designate a co-chair. The Commission may meet at  
47 anytime upon the joint call of the co-chairs. A quorum of the Commission shall be a majority  
48 of its members.

49 Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by the same appointing authority as  
50 made the initial appointment.

1 Subject to the approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Commission  
2 may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.

3 The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative Services Officer,  
4 shall assign professional staff to assist the Commission in its work. The House of  
5 Representatives' and the Senate's Supervisors of Clerks shall assign clerical support staff to the  
6 Commission, and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall be borne by the  
7 Commission.

8 In addition, the State agencies and nonprofits serving on the Commission shall  
9 cooperate in providing information and additional staff resources as needed to accomplish the  
10 work of the Commission.

11 The Commission, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all  
12 powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The  
13 Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services as provided by  
14 G.S. 120-32.02.

15 Members of the Commission shall receive subsistence and travel expenses at the  
16 rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

17 **SECTION 1.(d)** The Legislative Study Commission on Water and Wastewater  
18 Infrastructure may submit an interim report to the 2009 General Assembly, Regular Session  
19 2010, on or before May 1, 2010, and the Commission shall submit a final report on its findings  
20 and recommendations no later than the convening of the 2011 Regular Session of the General  
21 Assembly. The Commission shall terminate upon the earlier of the filing of its final report or  
22 the convening of the 2011 General Assembly.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.