

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2015
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 2015-14
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 721

A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2015 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN AND LIMITING THE MATTERS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED UPON RECONVENING.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

SECTION 1. When the Senate and the House of Representatives adjourn on Wednesday, September 30, 2015, they stand adjourned to reconvene on Monday, April 25, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.

SECTION 2. During the regular session that reconvenes on Monday, April 25, 2016, only the following matters may be considered:

- (1) Bills directly and primarily affecting the State budget, including the budget of an occupational licensing board for fiscal year 2016-2017, provided that the bill must be submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, April 27, 2016, and must be introduced in the House of Representatives or filed for introduction in the Senate no later than 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 10, 2016.
- (2) Bills amending the Constitution of North Carolina.
- (3) Bills and resolutions introduced in 2015 and having passed third reading in 2015 in the house in which introduced, received in the other house in accordance with Senate Rule 41 or House Rule 31.1(h), as appropriate, and not disposed of in the other house by tabling, unfavorable committee report, indefinite postponement, or failure to pass any reading, and which do not violate the rules of the receiving house.
- (4) Bills and resolutions implementing the recommendations of:
 - a. Study commissions, authorities, and statutory commissions authorized or directed to report to the 2016 Regular Session;
 - b. The General Statutes Commission, the Courts Commission, or any commission created under Chapter 120 of the General Statutes that is authorized or directed to report to the General Assembly;
 - c. The House Ethics Committee;
 - d. Select committees; or
 - e. The Joint Legislative Ethics Committee or its Advisory Subcommittee.

A bill authorized by this subdivision must be submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office no later than 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 26, 2016, and must be filed for introduction in the Senate or introduced in the House of Representatives no later than 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

- (5) Any local bill that has been submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office by 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 3, 2016, is introduced in the House of Representatives or filed for introduction in the Senate by 4:00 P.M. Thursday, May 19, 2016, and is accompanied by a certificate signed by the principal sponsor stating that no public hearing will be required or asked for by a member on the bill, the bill is noncontroversial, and that the bill is approved for introduction by each member of the House of Representatives and the Senate whose district includes the area to which the bill applies.



- (6) Selection, appointment, or confirmation as required by law, including the filling of vacancies of positions for which the appointees were elected by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, or President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- (7) Any matter authorized by joint resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of the members of the House of Representatives present and voting and by a two-thirds majority of the members of the Senate present and voting. A bill or resolution filed in either house under the provisions of this subdivision shall have a copy of the ratified enabling resolution attached to the jacket before filing for introduction in the Senate or introduction in the House of Representatives.
- (8) A joint resolution authorizing the introduction of a bill pursuant to subdivision (7) of this section.
- (9) Any bills primarily affecting any State or local pension or retirement system, provided that the bill has been submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office no later than 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 3, 2016, and is introduced in the House of Representatives or filed for introduction in the Senate no later than 4:00 P.M. Thursday, May 19, 2016.
- (10) Joint resolutions, House resolutions, and Senate resolutions authorized for introduction under Senate Rule 40(b) or House Rule 31.
- (11) Bills:
 - a. Revising the Senate districts and the apportionment of senators among those districts.
 - b. Revising the Representative districts and the apportionment of representatives among those districts.
 - c. Revising the districts for the election of members of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States and the apportionment of representatives among those districts.
 - d. Bills responding to actions related to the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
 - e. Bills responding to actions related to litigation concerning Congressional, State House, or State Senate districts.
- (12) Bills returned by the Governor with objections under Section 22 of Article II of the North Carolina Constitution, but solely for the purpose of considering overriding of the veto upon reconsideration of the bill.
- (13) Any bills relating to election laws.
- (14) Bills to disapprove rules under G.S. 150B-21.3.
- (15) A joint resolution adjourning the 2015 Regular Session, sine die.

SECTION 3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate may authorize appropriate committees or subcommittees of their respective houses to meet during the interims between sessions to (i) review matters related to the State budget for the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium; (ii) prepare reports, including revised budgets; or (iii) consider any other matters as the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate deems appropriate. A conference committee may meet in the interim upon approval by the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 30th day of September, 2015.

s/ Tom Apodaca
Presiding Officer of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives