

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 686*

Sponsors: Senator Rabon (Primary Sponsor).

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2017 REGULAR SESSION OF THE
2 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN AND LIMITING THE MATTERS
3 THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED UPON RECONVENING.

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

5 **SECTION 1.1.** When the House of Representatives and the Senate jointly adjourn
6 on the date this resolution is ratified, they stand adjourned to reconvene on Thursday, August 3,
7 2017, at 12:00 noon.

8 **SECTION 1.2.** During the regular session that reconvenes on Thursday, August 3,
9 2017, only the following matters may be considered:

- 10 (1) Bills returned by the Governor with his objections under Section 22 of
11 Article II of the North Carolina Constitution, but solely for the purpose of
12 considering overriding of the veto upon reconsideration of the bill.
- 13 (2) Bills providing for the selection, appointment, or confirmation as required by
14 law, including the filling of vacancies of positions for which the appointees
15 were elected by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Speaker
16 of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, or President Pro
17 Tempore of the Senate.
- 18 (3) Bills providing for action on gubernatorial nominations or appointments.
- 19 (4) Bills responding to actions related to litigation concerning the districts for
20 Congressional, State House, State Senate, judicial, municipal, county, and
21 other elected officials' actions and any other litigation challenging the
22 legality of legislative enactments.
- 23 (5) Bills returned on or after Wednesday, June 28, 2017, to the house in which
24 the bill originated for concurrence.
- 25 (6) Adoption of conference reports for bills which were in conference on or after
26 Wednesday, June 28, 2017, and conferees had been appointed by both
27 houses on or after that date.
- 28 (7) Bills providing for impeachment pursuant to Article IV of the North
29 Carolina Constitution or Chapter 123 of the General Statutes.
- 30 (8) Bills that are subject to Section 23 of Article II of the North Carolina
31 Constitution that have passed second reading in the receiving house or have
32 passed second reading for concurrence in the originating house, but have not
33 been taken up for third reading.
- 34 (9) Simple resolutions addressing organizational matters of each respective
35 house.
- 36 (10) A joint resolution further adjourning the 2017 Regular Session or amending
37 a joint resolution adjourning the 2017 Regular Session to a date certain.



1 **SECTION 2.1.** When the House of Representatives and the Senate jointly adjourn
2 the session convened on Thursday, August 3, 2017, they stand adjourned to reconvene on
3 Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 12:00 noon.

4 **SECTION 2.2.** During the regular session that reconvenes on Wednesday,
5 September 6, 2017, only the following matters may be considered:

6 (1) Bills:

- 7 a. Revising the judicial divisions of the State, the superior court
8 districts, the district court districts, and the prosecutorial districts and
9 the apportionment of judges and district attorneys among those
10 districts and containing no other matter.
11 b. Revising districts for cities, counties, and other political subdivisions
12 of the State and the apportionment of elected officials among those
13 districts and containing no other matter.

14 (2) Bills:

- 15 a. Proposing an amendment or amendments to the North Carolina
16 Constitution and containing no other matter.
17 b. Proposing an amendment or amendments to the North Carolina
18 Constitution and containing no other matter other than statutory
19 conforming changes to implement such bills.
20 c. Solely making statutory and transitional changes to implement bills
21 under sub-subdivision a. of this subdivision.

22 (3) Bills returned by the Governor with his objections under Section 22 of
23 Article II of the North Carolina Constitution, but solely for the purpose of
24 considering overriding of the veto upon reconsideration of the bill.

25 (4) Bills providing for the selection, appointment, or confirmation as required by
26 law, including the filling of vacancies of positions for which the appointees
27 were elected by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Speaker
28 of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, or President Pro
29 Tempore of the Senate.

30 (5) Bills providing for action on gubernatorial nominations or appointments.

31 (6) Bills providing for impeachment pursuant to Article IV of the North
32 Carolina Constitution or Chapter 123 of the General Statutes.

33 (7) Bills responding to actions related to litigation concerning the districts for
34 Congressional, State House, State Senate, judicial, municipal, county, and
35 other elected officials' actions and any other litigation challenging the
36 legality of legislative enactments.

37 (8) A joint resolution further adjourning the 2017 Regular Session or amending
38 a joint resolution adjourning the 2017 Regular Session to a date certain.

39 (9) A joint resolution further adjourning the 2017 Regular Session or amending
40 a joint resolution adjourning the 2017 Regular Session to a date certain that
41 is no later than November 15, 2017, for the purpose of considering bills:

- 42 a. Revising the Senate districts and the apportionment of Senators
43 among those districts and containing no other matter.
44 b. Revising the Representative districts and the apportionment of
45 Representatives among those districts and containing no other matter.
46 c. Revising the judicial divisions of the State, the superior court
47 districts, the district court districts, and the prosecutorial districts and
48 the apportionment of judges and district attorneys among those
49 districts and containing no other matter.

- 1 d. Revising districts for cities, counties, and other political subdivisions
2 of the State and the apportionment of elected officials among those
3 districts and containing no other matter.

4 **SECTION 3.1.** Subject to Section 2.2(8) of this Resolution, when the House of
5 Representatives and the Senate jointly adjourn the session convened on Wednesday, September
6 6, 2017, they stand adjourned to reconvene on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at 12:00 noon.

7 **SECTION 3.2.** During the regular session that reconvenes on Wednesday, May 16,
8 2018, only the following matters may be considered:

- 9 (1) Bills directly and primarily affecting the State budget, including the budget
10 of an occupational licensing board for fiscal year 2018-2019, provided that
11 the bill must be submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative
12 Services Office no later than 4:00 P.M. Friday, May 18, 2018, and must be
13 introduced in the House of Representatives or filed for introduction in the
14 Senate no later than 4:00 P.M. Thursday, May 31, 2018.
- 15 (2) Bills:
- 16 a. Proposing an amendment or amendments to the North Carolina
17 Constitution and containing no other matter.
- 18 b. Proposing an amendment or amendments to the North Carolina
19 Constitution and containing no other matter other than statutory
20 conforming changes to implement such bills.
- 21 c. Solely making statutory and transitional changes to implement bills
22 under sub-subdivision a. of this subdivision.
- 23 (3) Bills and resolutions introduced in 2017 and having passed third reading in
24 2017 in the house in which introduced, received in the other house in
25 accordance with Senate Rule 41 or House Rule 31.1(h), as appropriate, and
26 not disposed of in the other house by tabling, unfavorable committee report,
27 indefinite postponement, or failure to pass any reading, and which do not
28 violate the rules of the receiving house.
- 29 (4) Bills and resolutions implementing the recommendations of:
- 30 a. Study commissions, authorities, and statutory commissions
31 authorized or directed to report to the 2018 Regular Session.
- 32 b. The General Statutes Commission, the Courts Commission, or any
33 commission created under Chapter 120 of the General Statutes that is
34 authorized or directed to report to the General Assembly.
- 35 c. The House Ethics Committee.
- 36 d. Select committees.
- 37 e. The Joint Legislative Ethics Committee or its Advisory
38 Subcommittee.

39 A bill authorized by this subdivision must be submitted to the Bill Drafting
40 Division of the Legislative Services Office no later than 4:00 P.M. Thursday,
41 May 17, 2018, and must be filed for introduction in the Senate or introduced
42 in the House of Representatives no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May
43 30, 2018.

- 44 (5) Any local bill that has been submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the
45 Legislative Services Office by 4:00 P.M. Thursday, May 24, 2018, is
46 introduced in the House of Representatives or filed for introduction in the
47 Senate by 4:00 P.M. Thursday, June 7, 2018, and is accompanied by a
48 certificate signed by the principal sponsor stating that (i) no public hearing
49 will be required or asked for by a member on the bill, (ii) the bill is
50 noncontroversial, and (iii) the bill is approved for introduction by each

1 member of the House of Representatives and the Senate whose district
2 includes the area to which the bill applies.

3 (6) Bills providing for the selection, appointment, or confirmation as required by
4 law, including the filling of vacancies of positions for which the appointees
5 were elected by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Speaker
6 of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, or President Pro
7 Tempore of the Senate.

8 (7) Bills providing for action on gubernatorial nominations or appointments.

9 (8) Any matter authorized by joint resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of
10 the members of the House of Representatives present and voting and by a
11 two-thirds majority of the members of the Senate present and voting. A bill
12 or resolution filed in either house under the provisions of this subdivision
13 shall have a copy of the ratified enabling resolution attached to the jacket
14 before filing for introduction in the Senate or introduction in the House of
15 Representatives.

16 (9) A joint resolution authorizing the introduction of a bill pursuant to
17 subdivision (8) of this section.

18 (10) Any bills primarily affecting any State or local pension or retirement system,
19 provided that the bill has been submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the
20 Legislative Services Office no later than 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 22, 2018,
21 and is introduced in the House of Representatives or filed for introduction in
22 the Senate no later than 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, June 5, 2018.

23 (11) Joint resolutions and simple resolutions authorized for introduction under
24 Senate Rule 40 or House Rule 31.

25 (12) Bills returned by the Governor with objections under Section 22 of Article II
26 of the North Carolina Constitution, but solely for the purpose of considering
27 overriding of the veto upon reconsideration of the bill.

28 (13) Bills responding to actions related to litigation concerning the districts for
29 Congressional, State House, State Senate, judicial, municipal, county, and
30 other elected officials' actions and any other litigation challenging the
31 legality of legislative enactments.

32 (14) Any bills relating to election laws.

33 (15) Bills to disapprove rules under G.S. 150B-21.3.

34 (16) Bills providing for impeachment pursuant to Article IV of the North
35 Carolina Constitution or Chapter 123 of the General Statutes.

36 (17) A joint resolution adjourning the 2017 Regular Session, sine die.

37 **SECTION 4.** The Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President Pro
38 Tempore of the Senate may authorize appropriate committees or subcommittees of their
39 respective houses to meet during the interims between sessions to (i) review matters related to
40 the State budget for 2017-2019 fiscal biennium, (ii) prepare reports, including revised budgets,
41 or (iii) consider any other matters as the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the
42 President Pro Tempore of the Senate deems appropriate. A conference committee may meet in
43 the interim upon approval by the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President Pro
44 Tempore of the Senate.

45 **SECTION 5.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.