

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1969 SESSION

CHAPTER 1184  
SENATE BILL 700

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES COMMISSION AND TO  
2 PRESCRIBE ITS DUTIES.

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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:  
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6 **Section 1.** G.S. 120, Article 7, is hereby rewritten in its entirety to read as follows:  
7 "Article 7.

8 "Legislative Services Commission

9 **G.S. 120-31. Legislative Services Commission Organization.**

10 "(1) The Legislative Services Commission shall consist of the President Pro  
11 Tempore of the Senate, three Senators appointed by the President Pro  
12 Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and  
13 three Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
14 Representatives. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker  
15 of the House shall serve until the selection and qualification of their  
16 respective successors as officers of the General Assembly. The initial  
17 appointive members shall be appointed upon the date of ratification of this  
18 Act and each shall serve for the remainder of his elective term of office and  
19 until his successor is appointed or until he ceases to be a member of the  
20 General Assembly, whichever occurs first. A vacancy in one of the  
21 appointive positions shall be filled in the same manner that the vacated  
22 position was originally filled, and the person so appointed shall serve for the  
23 remainder of the unexpired term of the person whom he succeeds. In the  
24 event the office of Speaker becomes vacated, the three representatives shall  
25 elect one of themselves to perform the duties of the Speaker as required by  
26 this Act. In the event the office of President Pro Tempore becomes vacated,  
27 the three senators shall elect one of themselves to perform the duties of  
28 President Pro Tempore as required by this Act. Members so elevated shall  
29 perform the duties required by this Act until a Speaker or a President Pro  
30 Tempore is duly elected by the appropriate House.

31 "(2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be the Chairman of the  
32 Commission in odd-numbered years and the Speaker of the House of  
33 Representatives shall be Chairman of the Commission in even-numbered  
34 years.

35 "(3) The Commission may elect from its membership such other officers as it  
36 deems appropriate, and may appoint other members of the General  
37 Assembly to serve on any committee of the Commission.

38 "(4) The Commission may adopt rules governing its own organization and  
39 proceedings.

40 "(5) Members of the Commission, when the General Assembly is not in session,  
41 shall be reimbursed for subsistence and travel allowance as provided for  
42 members of the General Assembly when in session for such days as they are  
43 engaged in the performance of their duties.

- 1           **Sec. 2.** "G. S. 120-32. Commission duties. The Legislative Services Commission is  
2 hereby authorized to:
- 3           "(1) Determine the number, titles, classification, functions, compensation, and  
4 other conditions of employment of the joint legislative service employees of  
5 the General Assembly, including but not limited to the following  
6 departments:
- 7           (a) Legislative Services Officer and Personnel  
8           (b) Electronic Document Writing System  
9           (c) Proofreaders  
10           (d) Legislative Printing  
11           (e) Enrolling clerk and personnel  
12           (f) Library  
13           (g) Research and Bill Drafting  
14           (h) Printed Bills  
15           (i) Disbursing and Supply
- 16           "(2) Determine the classification and compensation of employees of the  
17 respective Houses other than staff elected officers; however, the hiring of  
18 employees of each House and their duties shall be prescribed by the Rules  
19 and Administrative Regulations of the respective House.
- 20           "(3) Acquire and dispose of furnishings, furniture, equipment, and supplies  
21 required by the General Assembly, its agencies and commissions and  
22 maintain custody of same between sessions. It shall be a misdemeanor for  
23 any person(s) to remove any State-owned furniture, fixtures, or equipment  
24 from the State Legislative Building for any purpose whatsoever, except as  
25 approved by the Legislative Services Commission.
- 26           "(4) Contract for services required for the operation of the General Assembly, its  
27 agencies, and commissions; however, any departure from established  
28 operating procedures, requiring a substantial expenditure of funds, shall be  
29 approved by appropriate resolution of the General Assembly.
- 30           "(5) (a) Provide for engrossing and enrolling of bills.  
31           (b) Appoint an Enrolling Clerk to act under its supervision in the  
32 enrollment and ratification of Acts.
- 33           "(6) (a) Provide for the duplication and limited distribution of copies of  
34 ratified laws and joint resolutions of the General Assembly and  
35 forward such copies to the persons authorized to receive same.  
36           (b) Maintain such records of legislative activities and publish such  
37 documents as it may deem appropriate for the operation of the  
38 General Assembly.
- 39           "(7) (a) Provide for the Secretary of State to index, print, bind, and distribute  
40 the Session Laws of each regular, extra or Special Session of the  
41 General Assembly and provide for the printing and distribution of the  
42 North Carolina Manual, Directory, and Journals of each House.  
43           (b) Provide and supply to the Secretary of State such bound volumes of  
44 the Journals and Session Laws as may be required by him to be  
45 distributed under the provisions of G.S. 147-45, G.S. 147-46.1, and  
46 G.S. 147-48."
- 47           **Sec. 3.** "G.S. 120-33. Duties of Enrolling Clerk.
- 48           "(1) All bills passed by the General Assembly shall be enrolled for ratification  
49 under the supervision of the Enrolling Clerk.
- 50           "(2) Prior to enrolling any bill, the Enrolling Clerk shall substitute the  
51 corresponding Arabic numeral(s) for any date or section number of the

- 1 General Statutes or of any Act of the General Assembly which is written in  
2 words.
- 3 "(3) All bills shall be typewritten and carefully proofread before enrollment.
- 4 "(4) Upon ratification of an act or joint resolution, the Enrolling Clerk shall  
5 assign in Arabic numerals a chapter number to each session law and deposit  
6 the ratified laws and joint resolutions with one true copy of each with the  
7 Secretary of State.
- 8 "(5) The Enrolling Clerk shall furnish each member of the General Assembly  
9 with a legible conformed copy of all laws and joint resolutions of the  
10 General Assembly, which shall show the chapter number of any law or the  
11 number of any joint resolution, in conformity with the number assigned to  
12 the enactment.
- 13 "(6) The Enrolling Clerk upon completion of his duties after each session shall  
14 deposit the original bills and resolutions enrolled for ratification by him with  
15 the Secretary of State.
- 16 **Sec. 4.** "G. S. 120-34. Printing of Session Laws.
- 17 "(1) The Secretary of State, immediately upon the termination of each session of  
18 the General Assembly, shall cause to be published all the laws and joint  
19 resolutions passed at such session, whether public, private, general or special  
20 within the meaning of the constitution and without regard to classification,  
21 except that the laws and resolutions shall be kept separate and indexed  
22 separately; and the volume shall contain the certificate of the Secretary of  
23 State that it was printed under the direction of the Office of the Secretary of  
24 State and from ratified acts and resolutions on file in the office of the  
25 Secretary of State. In printing, the certificate required to be endorsed upon  
26 the original bills and resolutions shall be omitted; but immediately at the end  
27 of each law or resolution shall be inserted the word "Ratified" adding the  
28 day, month, and year.
- 29 "(2) All index references with respect to the Session Laws shall refer to the  
30 chapter numbers of such laws in lieu of page numbers, and all index  
31 references to resolutions shall refer to the resolution numbers of the  
32 resolutions in lieu of page numbers, to the end that the indexes shall thereby  
33 be made consistent with the index to the General Statutes which refers to the  
34 section numbers and not to page numbers.
- 35 "(3) There shall be printed not more than twenty-five hundred (2,500) volumes of  
36 the Session Laws and six hundred (600) volumes of the Journals of each  
37 House of each Session of the General Assembly, all of which shall be bound,  
38 and delivered to the Secretary of State for distribution by him under the  
39 provisions of G.S. 14745, G.S. 147-46.1, G.S. 147-48 and other applicable  
40 statutes.
- 41 **Sec. 5.** "G.S. 120-35. Payments for Expenses. Actual expenses for the joint  
42 operation of the General Assembly shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon authorization of  
43 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Expenses for the  
44 operation of a single House shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon authorization of the  
45 presiding officer of the appropriate House. The President of the Senate shall advise with the  
46 President Pro Tempore of the Senate with respect to all expenditures involving joint operations  
47 and Senate operations, and the President Pro Tempore shall make his recommendations in  
48 connection therewith.
- 49 **Sec. 6.** "G.S. 120-36. Legislative Services Officer of the General Assembly.

- 1           "(1) The Legislative Services Officer of the General Assembly shall be appointed
- 2           by and serve at the pleasure of the Legislative Services Commission, and his
- 3           compensation shall be fixed by the Legislative Services Commission.
- 4           "(2) The Legislative Services Officer of the General Assembly shall perform
- 5           such duties as are assigned to him by the Legislative Services Commission
- 6           and shall be available to the Legislative Research Commission to provide
- 7           such clerical, printing, drafting, and research duties as are necessary to the
- 8           proper functions of the Legislative Research Commission."

9           **Sec. 7.** G.S. 120, Article 8 is hereby rewritten in its entirety to read as follows:

10   **"G.S. 120-37. Elected Officers Staff.**

11       "(1) Each House shall elect a principal clerk, reading clerk, and sergeant-at-arms, each of  
12 whom shall serve for a term of two years, each of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the  
13 respective House or until his successor is elected.

14       (2) The salary of the staff elected officers of each House, during any session of the  
15 General Assembly, shall be as follows:

- 16           (a) Principal Clerk   \$168.00 per week
- 17           (b) Sergeant-at-arms   126.00 per week
- 18           (c) Reading Clerk   126.00 per week

19       The elected officers listed in this Section shall also receive subsistence at the same daily  
20 rate as provided for members of the General Assembly, and mileage at the rate of ten cents  
21 (10¢) per mile, for one round trip only, from their homes to Raleigh and return."

22       "(3) Upon the adjournment of any session of the General Assembly, the Principal Clerk  
23 of each House upon completion of the duties of their respective offices shall cause to be  
24 delivered to the office of the Secretary of State any bill or resolution that failed to be enacted or  
25 adopted and shall deposit all calendar books and such other records that may be deemed to be  
26 appropriate for safe keeping.

27       "(4) The principal clerks and sergeants-at-arms of the Senate and House of  
28 Representatives, at such times as may be designated by the Legislative Services Commission,  
29 together with such assistants as may be necessary in arranging for the opening of the Senate  
30 and House of the General Assembly before the days for convening thereof, and such necessary  
31 services as are rendered after adjournment, shall receive the same salary and subsistence as  
32 shall be allowed by law to the said clerks, sergeants-at-arms, and their assistants during the  
33 session of the General Assembly. The principal clerks of the General Assembly shall be  
34 allowed seventeen hundred dollars (\$1,700.00) as additional compensation for services required  
35 to be performed by them between regular sessions of the General Assembly, including the  
36 indexing and transcribing of a copy of their respective journals, which shall be filed in the  
37 Office of the Secretary of State. The State Treasurer is directed to issue his warrants for such  
38 officers and clerks and for such time as is certified to by the President of the Senate and the  
39 Speaker of the House upon vouchers signed by them."

40       **Sec. 8.** The following Sections of the General Statutes are hereby repealed:  
41 G.S. 120-21; G.S. 120-22; G.S. 120-30.15; G.S. 120-30.17(3); G.S. 120-30.17(4); G.S. 147-40;  
42 G.S. 147-43.1; G.S. 147-43.2; and 147-43.3.

43       **Sec. 9.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

44       **Sec. 10.** This Act shall be in full force and effect upon and after its ratification.

45       In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of July, 1969.