

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1985 SESSION

CHAPTER 745
HOUSE BILL 551

AN ACT TO ALLOW BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO HOLD
SPECIAL MEETINGS OUTSIDE THEIR JURISDICTIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 153A-40(c) is rewritten to read:

"(c) The board of commissioners shall hold all its meetings within the county except:

- (1) In connection with a joint meeting of two or more public bodies; provided, however, that such a meeting shall be held within the boundaries of the political subdivision represented by the members of one of the public bodies participating;
- (2) In connection with a retreat, forum, or similar gathering held solely for the purpose of providing members of the board with general information relating to the performance of their public duties; provided, however, that members of the board of commissioners shall not vote upon or otherwise transact public business while in attendance at such a gathering;
- (3) In connection with a meeting between the board of commissioners and its local legislative delegation during a session of the General Assembly; provided, however, that at any such meeting the members of the board of commissioners may not vote upon or otherwise transact public business except with regard to matters directly relating to legislation proposed to or pending before the General Assembly;
- (4) While in attendance at a convention, association meeting or similar gathering; provided, however, that any such meeting may be held solely to discuss or deliberate the board's position concerning convention resolutions, elections of association officers and similar issues that are not legally binding upon the board of commissioners or its constituents.

All meetings held outside the county shall be deemed 'official meetings' within the meaning of G.S. 143-318.10(d)."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 15th day of July, 1985.