

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1987 SESSION

CHAPTER 480
SENATE BILL 115

AN ACT TO MAKE ENGLISH THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF NORTH
CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 145-11. **State language.**—(a) Purpose. English is the common language of the people of the United States of America and the State of North Carolina. This section is intended to preserve, protect and strengthen the English language, and not to supersede any of the rights guaranteed to the people by the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North Carolina.

(b) English as the Official Language of North Carolina. English is the official language of the State of North Carolina."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 25th day of June, 1987.