

1 sources. The Commission shall review recent changes in federal and State law that
2 have reduced financial assistance to local governments, created needs for increased
3 expenditures, and restricted the property tax base. The Commission shall develop
4 proposed options for local revenue sources, including an additional one-half cent (1/2¢)
5 local sales and use tax, a local-option county income tax on county residents and/or
6 people who work in the county, and a local-option county payroll tax. In developing the
7 proposals, the Commission shall consider the fiscal impact of each proposal, how to
8 simplify the administration of each proposal, how to reduce the burden on businesses,
9 individuals, and the Department of Revenue in complying with each proposal, and other
10 practical and legal issues associated with the proposals.

11 Sec. 2. The Commission shall consist of 14 members to be appointed as
12 follows:

- 13 (1) Four members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore
14 of the Senate, one of whom shall be designated cochair;
- 15 (2) Three public members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
16 Senate, two of whom shall be local government officials and one of
17 whom shall be a citizen representing the public at large;
- 18 (3) Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the
19 Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be
20 designated cochair;
- 21 (4) Three public members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
22 Representatives, two of whom shall be local government officials and
23 one of whom shall be a citizen representing the public at large.

24 Sec. 3. Members appointed to the Commission shall serve until the
25 Commission makes its final report. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled in the
26 same manner as the original appointments were made.

27 Sec. 4. Upon request of the Commission or its staff, all State departments
28 and agencies and all local government agencies shall furnish to the Commission or its
29 staff any information in their possession or available to them.

30 Sec. 5. The Commission shall submit a final report of its findings and
31 recommendations to the General Assembly on or before the first day of the 1991
32 Session of the General Assembly by filing the report with the Speaker of the House of
33 Representatives and President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The Commission shall
34 terminate upon filing its final report.

35 Sec. 6. The Commission shall have its initial meeting on or before October
36 15, 1989. The Commission shall meet upon the call of the cochairs.

37 Sec. 7. Upon approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the
38 Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and clerical staff to assist in the
39 work of the Commission. Clerical staff shall be furnished to the Commission through
40 the offices of House and Senate supervisors of clerks. The expenses of employment of
41 the clerical staff shall be borne by the Commission. The Commission may meet in the
42 Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building upon the approval of the
43 Legislative Services Commission.

1 Sec. 8. Members of the Commission shall be paid per diem, subsistence, and
2 travel allowances as follows:

3 (1) Commission members who are also members of the General
4 Assembly, at the rate established in G.S. 120-3.1;

5 (2) Commission members who are officials or employees of the State or
6 local government agencies, at the rate established in G.S. 138-6;

7 (3) All other Commission members at the rate established in G.S. 138-5.

8 Sec. 9. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General
9 Assembly the sum of \$15,000 for the 1989-90 fiscal year, and the sum of \$10,000 for
10 the 1990-91 fiscal year to fund the Commission created by this act. Funds appropriated
11 for the Commission for the 1989-90 fiscal year but not expended during that fiscal year
12 may be expended for the Commission during the 1990-91 fiscal year.

13 Sec. 10. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.