

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 2003-31
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1335

A JOINT RESOLUTION SETTING THE TIME FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2003 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO MEET IN 2003 AND 2004 AND LIMITING THE SUBJECTS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED IN THOSE SESSIONS.

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

SECTION 1. When the Senate and House of Representatives adjourn on Sunday, July 20, 2003, the Senate shall adjourn to reconvene at 12:00 noon on Monday, September 15, 2003, and the House of Representatives shall adjourn to reconvene at 12:00 noon on Monday, May 10, 2004. During the session of the Senate beginning September 15, 2003, as provided in this section and adjourning again no later than September 19, 2003, as provided by Section 2 of this act, only the following matters may be considered:

- (1) Economic Development Legislation.
- (2) Civil Justice and Insurance Reform Legislation.

SECTION 2. When it adjourns on Friday, September 19, 2003, the Senate shall adjourn to reconvene at 12:00 noon on Monday, May 10, 2004, except that the adjournment may be on a date earlier than September 19, 2003, if so specified in the adjournment motion.

SECTION 3. During the regular session that reconvenes on Monday, May 10, 2004, only the following matters may be considered:

- (1) Bills directly and primarily affecting the State budget, including the budget of an occupational licensing board, for fiscal year 2004-2005, provided that the bill must be submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office no later than 4:00 P.M. Thursday, May 20, 2004, and must be introduced in the House of Representatives or filed for introduction in the Senate no later than 4:00 P.M. Thursday, May 27, 2004.
- (2) Bills and resolutions introduced in 2003 and having passed third reading in 2003 in the house in which introduced, received in the other house in accordance with Senate Rule 41 or House Rule 31.1(d) as appropriate, and not disposed of in the other house by tabling, unfavorable committee report, indefinite postponement, or failure to pass any reading, and which do not violate the rules of the receiving house.
- (3) Bills and resolutions implementing the recommendations of:
 - a. Study commissions, authorities, and statutory commissions authorized or directed to report to the 2004 Session;
 - b. The General Statutes Commission, the Courts Commission, or any commission created under Chapter 120 of the General Assembly;
 - c. The House Ethics Committee;
 - d. Select committees; or
 - e. The Joint Legislative Ethics Committee or its Advisory Subcommittee.

A bill authorized by this subdivision must be submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 12, 2004, and must be filed for introduction in the Senate or introduced in the House of Representatives no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 19, 2004.

- (4) Any local bill that has been submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office by 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 19, 2004, is introduced in the House of Representatives or filed for introduction in the Senate by 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 26, 2004, and is accompanied by a certificate signed by the principal sponsor stating that no public hearing will be required or asked for by a member on the bill, the bill is noncontroversial, and that the bill is approved for introduction by each member of the House of Representatives and Senate whose district includes the area to which the bill applies.
- (5) Selection, appointment, or confirmation of members of State boards and commissions as required by law, including the filling of vacancies of positions for which the appointees were elected by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, or President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- (6) Any matter authorized by joint resolution passed during the 2004 Regular Session by a two-thirds majority of the members of the House of Representatives present and voting and by a two-thirds majority of the members of the Senate present and voting. A bill or resolution filed in either house under the provisions of this subdivision shall have a copy of the ratified enabling resolution attached to the jacket before filing for introduction in the Senate or introduction in the House of Representatives.
- (7) A joint resolution authorizing the introduction of a bill pursuant to subdivision (6) of this section.
- (8) Any bills primarily affecting any State or local pension or retirement system, provided that the bill has been submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 19, 2004, and is introduced in the House of Representatives or filed for introduction in the Senate no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 26, 2004.
- (9) Joint resolutions, House resolutions, and Senate resolutions pertaining to Section 5(10) of Article III of the Constitution of North Carolina or authorized for introduction under Senate Rule 40(b) or House Rule 31(g).
- (10) A joint resolution adjourning the 2003 Regular Session, sine die.
- (11) Bills to disapprove rules under G.S. 150B-21.3.
- (12) Constitutional amendments.

SECTION 4. A bill containing no substantive provisions may not be introduced in the House of Representatives during the 2004 Regular Session.

SECTION 5. The Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate may authorize appropriate committees or subcommittees of their respective houses to meet during the interims between sessions to:

- (1) Review matters related to the State budget for the 2003-2005 biennium,
- (2) Prepare reports, including revised budgets, or
- (3) Consider any other matters as the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate deems appropriate,

except that no committee or subcommittee of a house may consider, after the date of adjournment provided in Section 1 of this resolution and before the date of reconvening provided in Section 2 of this resolution, any bill, or proposed committee substitute for such bill, which originated in the other house. A conference committee may meet in the interim upon approval by the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

SECTION 6. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 20th day of July, 2003.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

Richard T. Morgan
Speaker of the House of Representatives