

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1245

Sponsors: Representative Daughtry.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THE VOTE HISTORY FOR EACH BILL
2 ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTERNET/WORLD WIDE WEB SITE IN
3 THE MOST COMPLETE AND USEFUL FORMAT POSSIBLE.

4 Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives acknowledge that we
5 are elected to represent the voters of our District and are accountable to them for our
6 actions; and

7 Whereas, we believe that voters are entitled to be as informed as possible
8 concerning our actions on their behalf; and

9 Whereas, the Internet provides a means by which information can be accessed
10 on demand by the general public; and

11 Whereas, the General Assembly, through its Legislative Services Office's
12 Information Systems Division, maintains a World Wide Web site on the Internet; and

13 Whereas, the General Assembly's web site provides, for each bill introduced,
14 some information, including one version of the bill's test, a bill history report, and fiscal
15 note information; and

16 Whereas, a complete voting history and complete information for each bill,
17 including the wording of amendments or various committee substitutes that exist at
18 different times, is not provided on the General Assembly's web site, and in order to obtain
19 even a partial voting history for a particular bill, a person with Internet access must view
20 the voting record of every individual legislator; and

21 Whereas, the current presentation makes it difficult for someone interested in a
22 particular issue to determine what actions were taken on that issue and by whom; and

1 Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives are proud of their
2 actions on behalf of the voters they represent and want the voters to be able to see for
3 themselves how the House has handled the people's business; Now, therefore,
4 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

5 Section 1. The House of Representatives directs its Legislative Services
6 Office's Information Systems Division to add to its Internet/World Wide Web site the
7 capability to retrieve the House voting history for each bill in the most complete and
8 useful format possible.

9 Section 2. The House of Representatives asks that this information be
10 provided for all bills introduced this session at the earliest possible date and that this
11 information be posted in future sessions in as timely a manner as is feasible.

12 Section 3. The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
13 to the Legislative Services Officer and to the Director of the Information Systems
14 Division.

15 Section 4. This resolution is effective upon adoption.