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HOUSE BILL 522*

Short Title: State Fire and Rescue Commission.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Buchanan.

Referred to: State Government.

March 17, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE FIRE AND RESCUE
COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 58-78-1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 58-78-1. State Fire and Rescue Commission created; membership.

(a) There is created the State Fire and Rescue Commission of the Department,
which shall be composed of ~~14~~15 voting members to be appointed as follows:

(1) The Commissioner shall appoint ~~eleven~~12 members, two from
nominations submitted by the North Carolina State Firemen's
Association, one from nominations submitted by the North Carolina
Association of Fire Chiefs, one from nominations submitted by the
Professional Firefighters of North Carolina Association, one from
nominations submitted by the North Carolina Society of Fire Service
Instructors, one from nominations submitted by the North Carolina
Association of County Fire Marshals, one from nominations submitted
by the North Carolina Fire Marshal's Association, two from nominations
submitted by the North Carolina Association of Rescue and Emergency
Medical Services, Inc., one mayor or other elected city official
nominated by the President of the League of Municipalities, one county

1 commissioner nominated by the President of the Association of County
2 Commissioners, and one from the public at large;

3 (2) The Governor shall appoint one member from the public at large; and

4 (3) The General Assembly shall appoint two members from the public at
5 large, one upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of
6 Representatives pursuant to G.S. 120-121, and one upon the
7 recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate pursuant to
8 G.S. 120-121.

9 Public members may not be employed in State government and may not be directly
10 involved in fire fighting or rescue services.

11 (b) Of the members initially appointed by the Commissioner, the nominees of the
12 North Carolina State Firemen's Association and the nominees of the North Carolina
13 Association of Fire Chiefs and the nominees of the Professional Firefighters of North
14 Carolina Association and of the North Carolina Association of Rescue and Emergency
15 Medical Services, Inc., shall serve three-year terms; the nominees from the North
16 Carolina Society of Fire Service Instructors, the North Carolina Association of County
17 Fire Marshals, and the North Carolina Fire Marshal's Association shall serve two-year
18 terms; and the mayor or other elected city official, the county commissioner, and the
19 member from the public at large shall serve one-year terms. The Governor's initial
20 appointee shall serve a three-year term. The General Assembly's initial appointees shall
21 serve two-year terms. Thereafter all terms shall be for three years.

22 (c) Vacancies shall be filled by the original appointer in the same manner as the
23 original appointment was made, except that vacancies in the appointments made by the
24 General Assembly shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 120-122.

25 (d) Appointed members shall serve until their successors are appointed and
26 qualified.

27 (e) The following State officials, or their designees, shall serve by virtue of their
28 offices as nonvoting members of the Commission: the Commissioner of Insurance, the
29 Commissioner of Labor, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Crime Control and Public
30 Safety, the Secretary of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, and the President
31 of the Department of Community Colleges.

32 (f) Members of the Commission shall receive per diem and necessary travel and
33 subsistence allowances in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 138-5 or G.S. 138-6, as
34 appropriate."

35 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.