

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 972

Short Title: Haliwa Name Change.

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Sponsors: Representatives Hardaway and Sutton.

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Referred to: State Government.

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April 16, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE THE INDIANS PREVIOUSLY  
2 RECOGNIZED IN THE GENERAL STATUTES AS THE HALIWA TRIBE AS  
3 THE HALIWA SAPONI TRIBE.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 71A-5 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 71A-5. Haliwa Saponi Tribe of North Carolina; rights, privileges, immunities,**  
8 **obligations and duties.**

9 The Indians now residing in Halifax, Warren and adjoining counties of North  
10 Carolina, originally found by the first permanent white settlers on the Roanoke River in  
11 Halifax and Warren Counties, and claiming descent from certain tribes of Indians  
12 originally inhabiting the coastal regions of North Carolina, shall, from and after April 15,  
13 1965, be designated and officially recognized as the Haliwa Saponi Tribe of North  
14 Carolina, and they shall continue to enjoy all their rights, privileges and immunities as  
15 citizens of the State as now or hereafter provided by law, and shall continue to be subject  
16 to all the obligations and duties of citizens under the law."

17 Section 2. G.S. 143B-407(a) reads as rewritten:

18 "(a) The State Commission of Indian Affairs shall consist of two persons appointed  
19 by the General Assembly, the Secretary of Human Resources, the Director of the State  
20 Employment Security Commission, the Secretary of Administration, the Secretary of

1 Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, the Commissioner of Labor or their  
2 designees and 18 representatives of the Indian community. These Indian members shall  
3 be selected by tribal or community consent from the Indian groups that are recognized by  
4 the State of North Carolina and are principally geographically located as follows: the  
5 Coharie of Sampson and Harnett Counties; the Eastern Band of Cherokees; the Haliwa  
6 Saponi of Halifax, Warren, and adjoining counties; the Lumbees of Robeson, Hoke and  
7 Scotland Counties; the Meherrin of Hertford County; the Waccamaw-Siouan from  
8 Columbus and Bladen Counties; and the Native Americans located in Cumberland,  
9 Guilford and Mecklenburg Counties. The Coharie shall have two members; the Eastern  
10 Band of Cherokees, two; the ~~Haliwa~~, Haliwa Saponi, two; the Lumbees, three; the  
11 Meherrin, one; the Waccamaw-Siouan, two; the Cumberland County Association for  
12 Indian People, two; the Guilford Native Americans, two; the Metrolina Native  
13 Americans, two. Of the two appointments made by the General Assembly, one shall be  
14 made upon the recommendation of the Speaker, and one shall be made upon  
15 recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Appointments by the  
16 General Assembly shall be made in accordance with G.S. 120-121 and vacancies shall be  
17 filled in accordance with G.S. 120-122."

18 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.