

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1090

Short Title: RIAA Membership.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Tolson.

Referred to: Economic Growth and Community Development.

April 11, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA
3 RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER SHALL SERVE AS AN EX
4 OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE RURAL INTERNET ACCESS AUTHORITY.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143B-437.42(b) reads as rewritten:

7 "(b) Commission. – The Authority is governed by a Commission that consists of
8 21 members, six members appointed by the Governor, six members appointed by the
9 General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the
10 Senate in accordance with G.S. 120-121, six members appointed by the General
11 Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives in
12 accordance with G.S. 120-121, and the following three ex officio, voting members: the
13 State's Chief Information Officer, the ~~chair~~president of the North Carolina Rural
14 Economic Development Center, and the Secretary of Commerce.

15 It is the intent of the General Assembly that the appointing authorities, in making
16 appointments, shall appoint members who represent the geographic, gender, and racial
17 diversity of the State, members who represent rural counties, members who represent
18 regional partnerships, and members who represent the communications industry, which
19 may include local telephone exchange companies, rural telephone cooperatives, Internet
20 service providers, commercial wireless communications carriers, and other
21 communications businesses."

22 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.