

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 682*

Short Title: Increase Veterinary Board Membership.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Harris.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 26, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA
VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD FROM SEVEN TO EIGHT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 90-182(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) In order to properly regulate the practice of veterinary medicine and surgery, there is established a Board to be known as the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board which shall consist of ~~seven~~eight members.

Five members shall be appointed by the Governor. Four of these members shall have been legal residents of and licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this State for not less than five years preceding their appointment. The other member shall not be licensed or registered under the Article and shall represent the interest of the public at large. Each member appointed by the Governor shall reside in a different congressional district.

~~The Lieutenant Governor shall appoint to the Board one member who~~Two members shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor. One of these members shall have been a resident of and licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this State for not less than five years preceding his or her appointment. The other member shall have been a legal resident of and registered as a veterinary technician in this State for not less than five years preceding his or her appointment.

In addition to the ~~six~~seven members appointed as provided above, the Commissioner of Agriculture shall biennially appoint to the Board the State Veterinarian or another veterinarian from a staff of a North Carolina department or institution. This member shall have been a legal resident of and licensed to practice veterinary medicine in North Carolina for not less than five years preceding his appointment.

Every member shall, within 30 days after notice of appointment, appear before any person authorized to administer the oath of office and take an oath to faithfully discharge the duties of the office."

1 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 90-182(a), as enacted
2 in Section 1 of this act, the member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, who shall
3 have been a legal resident of and registered as a veterinary technician in this State for
4 not less than five years preceding his or her appointment, shall be appointed for a
5 five-year term to commence July 1, 2001, and to expire June 30, 2006. The member
6 described in this section shall serve for the term for which he or she was appointed and
7 until his or her successor is appointed and qualified.

8 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.