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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA GEOGRAPHIC
INFORMATION COORDINATING COUNCIL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
new Article to read:

"Article 76.

"North Carolina Geographic Information Coordinating Council.

**"§ 143-725. Council established; role of the Center for Geographic Information
and Analysis.**

(a) Council Established. – There is established the North Carolina Geographic
Information Coordinating Council ("Council") to develop policies regarding the
utilization of geographic information, GIS systems, and other related technologies. The
Council is responsible for strategic planning; resolution of policy and technology issues;
coordination, direction, and oversight; and advising the Governor, the General
Assembly, and the Information Resource Management Commission (IRMC) as to
needed directions, responsibilities, and funding regarding geographic information. This
statewide geographic information coordination effort shall further cooperation among
State, federal, and local government agencies; academic institutions; and the private
sector to improve the quality, access, cost-effectiveness, and utility of North Carolina's
geographic information and to promote geographic information as a strategic resource
in the State. The Council shall be located in the Office of the Governor for
organizational, budgetary, and administrative purposes.

(b) Role of CGIA. – The Center for Geographic Information and Analysis
(CGIA) shall staff the Geographic Information and Coordinating Council and its
committees. CGIA shall manage and distribute digital geographic information about
North Carolina maintained by numerous State and local government agencies. It shall

1 operate a statewide data clearinghouse and provide Internet access to State geographic
2 information.

3 **"§ 143-726. Council membership; organization.**

4 (a) Members. – The Council shall consist of up to 35 members, or their
5 designees, as listed in this section. An appointing authority may reappoint a Council
6 member for successive terms.

7 (b) Governor's Appointments. – The Governor shall appoint the following
8 members:

- 9 (1) The head of an at-large State agency not represented in subsection (d)
10 of this section.
- 11 (2) An employee of a county government, nominated by the North
12 Carolina Association of County Commissioners.
- 13 (3) An employee of a municipal government, nominated by the North
14 Carolina League of Municipalities.
- 15 (4) An employee of the federal government who is stationed in North
16 Carolina.
- 17 (5) A representative from the Lead Regional Organizations.
- 18 (6) A member of the general public.
- 19 (7) Any other individuals whom the Governor deems appropriate to
20 enhance the efforts of geographic information coordination.

21 Members appointed by the Governor shall serve three-year terms. The Governor
22 shall name a Chair from among the Council membership to serve as Chair for a term of
23 one year.

24 (c) General Assembly Appointments. – The President Pro Tempore of the Senate
25 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint three members to
26 the Council. These members shall serve one-year terms.

27 (d) Other Members. – Other Council members shall include:

- 28 (1) The Secretary of State.
- 29 (2) The Commissioner of Agriculture.
- 30 (3) The Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- 31 (4) The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural
32 Resources.
- 33 (5) The Secretary of the Department of Transportation.
- 34 (6) The Secretary of the Department of Administration.
- 35 (7) The Secretary of the Department of Commerce.
- 36 (8) The Secretary of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.
- 37 (9) The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.
- 38 (10) The Secretary of the Department of Revenue.
- 39 (11) The President of the North Carolina Community Colleges System.
- 40 (12) The President of The University of North Carolina System.
- 41 (13) The Chair of the Public Utilities Commission.
- 42 (14) The State Budget Officer.

- 1 (15) The Executive Director of the North Carolina League of
2 Municipalities.
- 3 (16) The Executive Director of the North Carolina Association of County
4 Commissioners.
- 5 (17) One representative from the State Government GIS User Committee.
- 6 (18) One representative elected annually from the Local Government
7 Committee established pursuant to subdivision (h)(2) of this section.
- 8 (19) The State Chief Information Officer who shall serve as a nonvoting, ex
9 officio member.

10 Members serving pursuant to this subsection shall serve terms to coincide with (i)
11 their respective offices or (ii) their respective appointments by the standing committee
12 they represent.

13 (e) Meetings. – The Council shall meet quarterly, or more often, as determined
14 by the Chair. The Chair shall head the Management and Operations Committee to
15 conduct the Council's business between quarterly meetings.

16 (f) Administration. – The Director of the CGIA shall be secretary of the Council
17 and provide staff support as it requires.

18 (g) Reports. – The Council shall report at least annually to the Governor and to
19 the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

20 (h) Committees. – The Council may establish work groups, as needed, and shall
21 oversee the standing committees created in this subsection. Each standing committee
22 shall adopt bylaws, subject to the Council's approval, to cover its proceedings. Except as
23 otherwise provided, the Chair of the Council shall appoint the standing committee
24 chairs from representatives listed in subsections (b), (c), or (d) of this section. The
25 standing committees are as follows:

- 26 (1) State Government GIS User Committee. – Membership shall consist of
27 representatives from all interested State government departments. The
28 Council Chair shall appoint the committee chair from one of the State
29 agencies represented in subsection (d) of this section.
- 30 (2) Local Government Committee. – Membership shall consist of
31 representatives from organizations and professional associations that
32 currently serve or represent local government GIS users, the North
33 Carolina League of Municipalities, the North Carolina Association of
34 County Commissioners, and a Lead Regional Organization. The
35 committee shall elect one of its members to the Council.
- 36 (3) Federal Interagency Committee. – Membership shall consist of
37 representatives from all interested federal agencies and Tribal
38 governments with an office located in North Carolina. The appointed
39 federal representative serving pursuant to subdivision (b)(4) of this
40 section shall serve as the Chair of the Federal Interagency Committee.
- 41 (4) Statewide Mapping Advisory Committee. – This committee shall
42 consolidate statewide mapping requirements and attempt to gain

1 statewide support for financing cooperative programs. The committee
2 shall also advise the Council on issues, problems, and opportunities
3 relating to federal, State, and local government geospatial data
4 programs.

5 (5) GIS Technical Advisory Committee. – This committee shall develop
6 the statewide technical architecture for GIS and anticipate and respond
7 to GIS technical opportunities and issues affecting State, county, and
8 local governments in North Carolina.

9 (6) Management and Operations Committee. – This committee shall
10 consider management and operational matters related to GIS and other
11 matters that are formally requested by the Council. The committee
12 membership shall include the Council Chair, a representative from the
13 Office of State Budget, Planning, and Management, and one
14 representative from each standing committee of the Council.

15 **"§ 143-727. Compensation and expenses of Council members; travel**
16 **reimbursements.**

17 Members of the Council shall serve without compensation but may receive travel
18 and subsistence as follows:

19 (1) Council members who are officials or employees of a State agency or
20 unit of local government, in accordance with G.S. 138-6.

21 (2) All other Council members at the rate established in G.S. 138-5."

22 **SECTION 2.** The respective appointing authorities shall complete their
23 appointments to the North Carolina Geographic Information Coordinating Council
24 under G.S. 143-726(b) and (c), as enacted in Section 1 of this act, within 60 days of the
25 date when this act becomes effective.

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