

1 county or to attract tourists or business travelers to the county. The term
2 includes tourism-related capital expenditures.

3 **SECTION 2.** Tourism Development Authority. – (a) Appointment and
4 Membership. – When the Board of Commissioners adopts a resolution levying a room
5 occupancy tax under this act, it shall also adopt a resolution creating the Wilkes County
6 Tourism Development Authority, which shall be a public authority under the Local
7 Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The resolution shall provide for the membership of
8 the Authority, including the members' terms of office, and for the filling of vacancies on the
9 Authority. At least one-third of the members shall be individuals who are affiliated with
10 businesses that collect the tax in the county, and at least one-half of the members shall be
11 individuals who are currently active in the promotion of travel and tourism in the county. The
12 Board of Commissioners shall designate one member of the Authority as chair and shall
13 determine the compensation, if any, to be paid to members of the Authority.

14 The Authority shall meet at the call of the chair and shall adopt rules of procedure to
15 govern its meetings. The finance officer for Wilkes County shall be the ex officio finance
16 officer of the Authority.

17 **SECTION 2.(b)** Duties. – The Authority shall expend the net proceeds of the tax
18 levied under this act for the purposes provided in Section 1 of this act. The Authority shall
19 promote travel, tourism, and conventions in the county, sponsor tourist-related events and
20 activities in the county, and finance tourist-related capital projects in the county.

21 **SECTION 2.(c)** Reports. – The Authority shall report quarterly and at the close of
22 the fiscal year to the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners on its receipts and expenditures
23 for the preceding quarter and for the year in such detail as the Board of Commissioners may
24 require.

25 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 153A-155(g) reads as rewritten:

26 "(g) This section applies only to Alleghany, Anson, Brunswick, Buncombe, Burke,
27 Cabarrus, Camden, Carteret, Caswell, Chatham, Cherokee, Chowan, Clay, Craven,
28 Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Davie, Duplin, Durham, Forsyth, Franklin, Granville, Halifax,
29 Haywood, Madison, Martin, McDowell, Montgomery, Nash, New Hanover, New Hanover
30 County District U, Northampton, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Person, Randolph,
31 Richmond, Rockingham, Rowan, Sampson, Scotland, Stanly, Swain, Transylvania, Tyrrell,
32 Vance, Washington, Wilkes, and Wilson Counties, to Watauga County District U, to Yadkin
33 County District Y, and to the Township of Averasboro in Harnett County and the Ocracoke
34 Township Taxing District."

35 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.