

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 802\*

Short Title: Delineate River Basins. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Allen, Gibson (Primary Sponsors); Harrison and Lucas.

Referred to: Water Resources and Infrastructure, if favorable, Environment and Natural Resources.

March 26, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO DELINEATE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE RIVER BASINS OF NORTH  
3 CAROLINA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALIGNING THE RIVER BASIN PLANNING  
4 PROGRAMS OF THE DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE DIVISION OF  
5 WATER QUALITY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL  
6 RESOURCES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE 2008 REPORT OF THE WATER  
7 ALLOCATION STUDY TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 SECTION 1. G.S. 143-215.22G(1) is repealed.

10 SECTION 2. G.S. 143-213 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

11 "§ 143-213. Definitions.

12 Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms as used in this Article and  
13 Articles 21A and 21B of this Chapter are defined as follows:

14 ...

15 (31) "River basin" means the area within North Carolina denoted by the  
16 eight-digit cataloging unit or series of eight-digit cataloging units organized  
17 by the United States Geologic Survey as follows:

- 18 a. Albemarle Sound: 03010205.  
19 b. Broad River: 03050105.  
20 c. Cape Fear River: 03030002, 03030003, 03030004,  
21 03030005, 03030006, and 03030007.  
22 d. Catawba River: 03050101, 03050102, and 03050103.  
23 e. Chowan River: 03010201, 03010202, 03010203, and  
24 03010204.  
25 f. French Broad River: 06010105, 06010106, and 06010108.  
26 g. Hiwassee River: 06020002 and 06020003.  
27 h. Little Tennessee River: 06010202, 06010203, and 06010204.  
28 i. Lumber River: 03040203, 03040204, 03040206, and  
29 03040208.  
30 j. Neuse River: 03020201, 03020202, 03020203, and  
31 03020204.  
32 k. New River: 05050001.  
33 l. Onslow Bay: 03020301 and 03020302.  
34 m. Roanoke River: 03010102, 03010103, 03010104,  
35 03010106, and 03010107.  
36 n. Savannah River: 03060101 and 03060102.





1 act. A modification request shall be subject to the notice and hearing requirements set out in  
2 subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of G.S. 143-215.22L.

3 **SECTION 7.(b)** Water Classifications Unchanged. – This act shall not be  
4 interpreted to change the water quality classification of a water. Any classification that was  
5 applied to all waters within a river basin as it was defined prior to July 1, 2009, shall apply only  
6 to waters located within the river basin before that date. Reclassification of waters shall require  
7 rule making.

8 **SECTION 8.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.