

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Session 2009

Legislative Fiscal Note

**BILL NUMBER:** House Bill 1202 (First Edition)

**SHORT TITLE:** Expand Membership/Gen. Statutes Commission.

**SPONSOR(S):** Representatives Harrison and Cotham

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	<b>Yes (X)</b>	<b>No ( )</b>	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		
	<b><u>FY 2009-10</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2010-11</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2011-12</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2012-13</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2013-14</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	At least \$4,702	At least \$4,702	At least \$4,702	At least \$4,702	At least \$4,702
	(See Assumptions & Methodology)				
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b> Department of Justice					
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> This act is effective when it becomes law.					

**BILL SUMMARY:**

This bill expands the membership of the existing General Statutes Commission from 12 to 14 members to include one additional member appointed by the dean of Elon University’s School of Law and one appointed by the dean of the Charlotte School of Law (NC). This bill provides for the terms of these new appointments and is effective when it becomes law.

*Source: Bill Digest H.B. 1202 (04/07/2009).*

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:**

The General Statutes Commission typically meets once a month except July and August, for a minimum of 10 meetings per year. However, the Commission may also hold other regular meetings as it may provide for by its rules, and/or special meetings as called by the chairman or by any two members of the Commission. The regular meetings of the Commission shall be held in Raleigh, but the Commission may provide for the holding of other meetings from time to time at any other place or places in the State.

The only additional costs of the implementation of HB 1202 are the travel and per diem for the two additional appointees, which in turn will create, *at a minimum*, the costs calculated below. However, additional meetings that may be called as deemed appropriate by the Commission will add to the costs calculated. Each additional meeting called by the Commission will cost an additional \$4,703.

Additionally, if the two new appointees are assigned to the Commission *prior* to the November 2009 meeting, the additional meeting costs for the remainder of FY 2008-09 will need to be provided for in the Department of Justice’s current fiscal year budget.

<b>Committee Budget Estimate</b>		Minimum Cost 10 MEETINGS
<b>Non-Legislative Members Subsistence</b>		<b>\$3,382.50</b>
\$112.75	Non-Legislative Subsistence	
X 2	Number of Non-Legislative Members	
X 1.5	Half of Members using 2 Days of Subsistence	
<b>Non-Legislative Members Travel Expenses</b>		<b>\$1,320.00</b>
\$66.00	Round Trip Reimbursement	
	<i>230 miles is an Average per Member based on the Total Certified Round Trip Mileage</i>	
X 2	Number of Non-Legislative Members	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4,702.50</b>

**SOURCES OF DATA:** Department of Justice

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

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