

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 655**

Short Title: Clarify Board Appointments. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Lee and Sanderson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 30, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE CLARIFICATION THAT MEMBERS OF THE STATE PORTS  
AUTHORITY MAY BE DOMICILED IN THE DISTRICT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR THE NORTH CAROLINA SENATE IN WHICH  
A STATE PORT IS LOCATED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 136-260(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The North Carolina State Ports Authority is hereby created within the Department of Transportation and shall be subject to and under the direct supervision of the Secretary of Transportation. It shall be governed by a board composed of nine members and hereby designated as the Authority. Effective July 1, 1983, it shall be governed by a board composed of 11 members and hereby designated as the Authority. ~~The General Assembly suggests and recommends that no person be appointed to the Authority who is domiciled in the district of the North Carolina House of Representatives or the North Carolina Senate in which a State port is located.~~ Members of the North Carolina Board of Transportation may be appointed to the Authority. The Governor shall appoint seven members to the Authority, and the General Assembly shall appoint two members of the Authority. Effective July 1, 1983, the Authority shall consist of seven persons appointed by the Governor, and four persons appointed by the General Assembly. Effective July 1, 2011, the Governor shall appoint six members to the Authority, in addition to the Secretary of Transportation, who shall serve as a voting member of the Authority by virtue of his office. The Secretary of Transportation shall fill the first vacancy occurring after July 1, 2011, in a position on the Authority over which the Governor has appointive power."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

