

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1961 SESSION

CHAPTER 1180  
HOUSE BILL 1027

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR THE STATE MUSEUM  
2 OF NATURAL HISTORY.

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4 WHEREAS, the State Museum of Natural History performs an important function  
5 in providing for exhibition classification and permanent preservation of anthropological,  
6 geological, zoological, and other scientific exhibits demonstrating the influence of these fields  
7 upon the history of North Carolina; and

8 WHEREAS, the State Museum of Natural History maintains outstanding exhibits of  
9 permanent educational value and visitor interest to the school children and adults of our State,  
10 attracting many thousands of visitors annually; and

11 WHEREAS, the importance of providing proper preservation and exhibit of these  
12 artifacts increases with the passage of time, and will continue to increase, to insure future  
13 generations' use and enjoyment of this Museum; and

14 WHEREAS, the limitation of space and personnel handicaps the program of the  
15 State Museum of Natural History and restricts the operations needed to provide future displays  
16 and exhibits and prevents full utilization of the Museum for educational, scientific and  
17 historical purposes; and

18 WHEREAS, the operations of the State Museum of Natural History will be greatly  
19 benefited by the establishment of an Advisory Commission for the said State Museum of  
20 Natural History: Now, therefore,

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22 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

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24 **Section 1.** There is hereby created an Advisory Commission for the Museum of  
25 Natural History which shall determine its own organization. It shall consist of at least nine (9)  
26 members, which shall include the Director of the Museum of Natural History, Commissioner of  
27 Agriculture, the State Geologist and State Forester of the Department of Conservation and  
28 Development, the Director of the Institute of Fisheries Research of the University of North  
29 Carolina, the Director of the Wildlife Resources Commission, the Superintendent of Public  
30 Instruction, or qualified representative of any or all of the above-named members, and at least  
31 three (3) persons representing the East, the Piedmont, the Western areas of the State. Members  
32 appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of two (2) years with the first appointments to  
33 be made effective September 1, 1961. Any member may be removed by the Governor for  
34 cause.

35 **Sec. 2.** It shall be the duty of the Advisory Committee for the Museum of Natural  
36 History to meet at least twice each year, to formulate policies for the advancement of the said  
37 Museum, to make recommendations to the Governor and to the General Assembly concerning  
38 the Museum, and to assist in promoting and developing wider and more effective use of the  
39 Museum of Natural History as an educational, scientific and historical exhibit.

40 **Sec. 3.** Members of the Advisory Commission shall serve without compensation  
41 and shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred while in attendance at meetings of the  
42 Commission at the same rate as that established for reimbursement of State employees.  
43 Payment for such reimbursement for actual expense shall be made from the Contingency and

1 Emergency Fund, and there is hereby appropriated the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to  
2 such fund to be used in carrying out the provisions of this Section.

3 **Sec. 4.** The Commission shall prepare and submit to the 1963 General Assembly,  
4 and to each succeeding General Assembly, a report outlining the needs of the State Museum of  
5 Natural History, and their recommendation for improvement of the effectiveness of the said  
6 State Museum of Natural History for the purpose hereinabove set forth.

7 **Sec. 5.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

8 **Sec. 6.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

9 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 22nd day of June,  
10 1961.