

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2001**

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**HOUSE BILL 1270**

Short Title: East. Band of Cherokees' Full Faith and Credit. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representative Haire (By Request).

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Referred to: Judiciary II.

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April 12, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT TO JUDGMENTS OF THE  
3 EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEES' TRIBAL COURTS AS THOSE COURTS  
4 RECIPROCALLY PROVIDE JUDGMENTS OF NORTH CAROLINA COURTS.

5       Whereas, the Eastern Band of Cherokees is a federally recognized Indian  
6 tribe; and

7       Whereas, the Eastern Band of Cherokees have established a system of tribal  
8 courts to deal with disputes between the parties under their jurisdiction; and

9       Whereas, the Eastern Band of Cherokees' Tribal Court accords full faith and  
10 credit to the judgments, decrees, and orders of the courts of this State; Now, therefore,  
11 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

12       **SECTION 1.** The General Statutes are amended by adding a new Chapter to  
13 read:

"Chapter 1E.

"Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

"Article 1.

"Full Faith and Credit.

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18 **§ 1E-1. Full faith and credit.**

19       The courts of this State shall give full faith and credit to a judgment, decree, or order  
20 signed by a judicial officer of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and filed in the  
21 Cherokee Tribal Court to the same extent as is given a judgment, decree, or order of  
22 another state; provided that the judgments, decrees, and orders of the courts of this State  
23 are given full faith and credit by the Tribal Court of the Eastern Band of Cherokee  
24 Indians."

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