

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 924

Sponsors: Senator Rand.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

April 3, 2003

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
2 COMMISSION TO STUDY THE MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED BOARDS
3 AND COMMISSIONS IN THIS STATE TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS A NEED
4 TO REDUCE THE SIZE OR SCOPE OR ABOLISH ANY OF THESE BOARDS
5 OR COMMISSIONS.

6 Whereas, in February 2002, Governor Michael F. Easley issued an executive
7 order creating the Commission to Promote Government Efficiency and Savings on State
8 Spending; and

9 Whereas, Governor Easley created the Commission in the wake of two
10 successive years of budgeting expenditures exceeding projected revenue; and

11 Whereas, the Commission was charged with the task of identifying and
12 recommending long-term efficiencies for the State; and

13 Whereas, there are more than 400 boards and commissions in this State; and

14 Whereas, the State has several boards and commissions, some with
15 significant budgets and fee-raising authority; and

16 Whereas, the State needs to determine whether these boards and commissions
17 should be abolished, consolidated, or reduced in size and scope; Now, therefore,

18 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

19 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study
20 boards and commissions. The Commission shall establish a schedule for reviewing
21 boards and commissions so that approximately twenty-five percent (25%) of the total
22 number of State boards and commissions are reviewed each year for the next four years.
23 In reviewing boards and commissions, the Commission shall consider the following:

24 (1) The consolidation of boards and commissions, where appropriate.

25 (2) Reducing the number of members serving on boards and commissions.

26 (3) Reducing the number of meetings of boards and commissions.

27 (4) The scope and authority of boards and commissions.

28 (5) The elimination of boards and commissions, where appropriate.

29 **SECTION 2.** All State boards and commissions shall cooperate fully with
30 the Commission in its study.

1 **SECTION 3.** The Commission shall report to the General Assembly each
2 year on the boards and commissions it has reviewed and recommendations made for
3 those boards and commissions. The Commission shall make a final report of its findings
4 and recommendations to the 2007 General Assembly.

5 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.