

1 (11) Three representatives from the public at large appointed by the
2 Governor.

3 **SECTION 3.** Cochairs. – The Commission shall have two cochairs, one
4 designated by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and one designated by the
5 Speaker of the House of Representatives from among their respective appointees. The
6 Commission shall meet upon the call of the cochairs.

7 **SECTION 4.** Quorum. – A quorum of the Commission shall consist of 10
8 members.

9 **SECTION 5.** Vacancies. – Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled
10 by the original appointing authority.

11 **SECTION 6.** Purpose and Duties. – The Commission shall study (i) funding
12 issues associated with the Zoological Park, including current and expected capital and
13 operational needs, current sources of revenue, and potential funding mechanisms, such
14 as issuance of tax-exempt bonds; and (ii) the current organizational structure of the
15 Zoological Park, and other potential organizational structures, including, but not limited
16 to, reorganization as an authority, as a private nonprofit corporation, or other entity to
17 determine which organizational structure would most effectively achieve the mission of
18 the Zoological Park.

19 **SECTION 7.** Expenses of Members. – Members of the Commission shall
20 receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1,
21 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

22 **SECTION 8.** Staff. – Upon the prior approval of the Legislative Services
23 Commission, the Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional staff to the
24 Commission to aid in its work.

25 **SECTION 9.** Consultants. – The Commission may hire consultants to assist
26 with the study as provided in G.S. 120-32.02(b).

27 **SECTION 10.** Meetings. – The Commission may meet in the Legislative
28 Building or the Legislative Office Building upon the approval of the Legislative
29 Services Commission.

30 **SECTION 11.** Report. – The Commission shall report its findings and
31 recommendations to the General Assembly and the Environmental Review Commission
32 on or before 1 March 2008, at which time the Commission shall terminate.

33 **SECTION 12.** Funding. – From funds appropriated to the General
34 Assembly, the Legislative Services Commission shall allocate funds for the purpose of
35 conducting the study provided for in this act.

36 **SECTION 13.** Effective Date. – This act is effective when it becomes law.