NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: HB 84 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Implement 4-Year Terms

SPONSOR(S): Representative Sutton

FISCAL IMPACT

Yes () No (X) No Estimate Available ()

<u>FY 2001-02</u> <u>FY 2002-03</u> <u>FY 2003-04</u> <u>FY 2004-05</u> <u>FY 2005-06</u>

REVENUES

EXPENDITURES \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0

POSITIONS:

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &

PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon ratification.

BILL SUMMARY: This bill amends various general statutes to implement House Bill 83, An Act To Amend The North Carolina Constitution to Provide For Four-Year Terms For Members of The General Assembly. Specifically, the bill amends (1) GS Ch. 163 to provide for four-year terms for General Assembly members with the first election for such terms in 2002, (2) GS Ch. 163 to provide that elections for appellate, superior, and district court judges, district attorneys, county commissioners, clerks of superior court, registers of deeds and coroners will occur at the next election for Governor or General Assembly, whichever comes first, preceding the termination of each regular term, (3) the provisions in GS Ch. 163 and other statutes and local acts pertaining to filling of vacancies in elected offices to rely on the date of election for Governor or General Assembly, whichever comes first, as determining when an event takes place or the duration of an appointment, (4) GS 7A-140 (district judges), 147-4 (executive officers), GS 152-1 (coroner), GS 161-1 (register of deeds) and GS 162-1 (sheriff) to rely on GS Ch. 163 for determining the timing and/or manner of election. Provisions take effect only upon approval by the voters of the Constitutional amendments set forth in House Bill 83.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

This legislation provides the statutory conforming changes to implement House Bill 83, and does not have fiscal requirements.

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