



Roy Cooper, Governor  
*State of North Carolina*

GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

***Senate Bill 512, "AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA BY CHANGING THE APPOINTMENT STRUCTURE OF THOSE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS."***

This legislation will hurt the effective and efficient use of taxpayer money by impairing the Governor's constitutionally required duty to execute the laws passed by the legislature. The bill interrupts the critical work of boards and commissions to protect public health, provide clean air and water, recruit new jobs, lower electric bills and more. Fundamentally it violates the separation of powers enshrined in the state Constitution. The courts have consistently rejected these legislative power grabs in *McCrorry v. Berger* and other cases. Legislative efforts to seize executive power are unconstitutional and damage vital state work.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roy Cooper".

Roy Cooper  
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023, at 3:55 pm for reconsideration by that body.

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Date Aug. 24, 2023

Time 3:55 p.m.

Signed Sarah Holland