



SENATE BILL 697: Codify Lake Norman Marine Commission.

2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	May 6, 2025
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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 697 would codify the session law that authorized the creation of the Lake Norman Marine Commission (Commission) under Article 6B of Chapter 77 of the General Statutes.*

CURRENT LAW: Chapter 1089 of the 1969 Session Laws (An Act to Establish the Lake Norman Marine Commission) enabled Catawba, Iredell, Lincoln, and Mecklenburg Counties to create by joint resolution the Lake Norman Marine Commission. The Commission regulates all matters relating to or affecting public recreation and water safety on Lake Norman and its shoreline area. The Commission is governed by a board of five commissioners. The Board of Commissioners of Catawba County appoints two commissioners, and Iredell, Lincoln, and Mecklenburg Counties each appoint one commissioner. A county may unilaterally withdraw from the Commission which causes its dissolution. Once dissolved, the property of the Commission must be equitably divided among the four counties and any public agencies serving the area.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 697 would codify Chapter 1089 of the 1969 Session Laws (An Act to Establish the Lake Norman Marine Commission), as amended, under Article 6B of Chapter 77 of the General Statutes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill would become effective when it becomes law.

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