



HOUSE BILL 558: Reserve and National Guard/Military Affairs Commission

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Committee:

Introduced by:

Analysis of: S.L. 2015-297

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SUMMARY: *S.L. 2015-297 adds two voting members to the North Carolina Military Affairs Commission to be appointed by the Governor. One of the new members must be a current or retired member of the North Carolina National Guard and the other one must be a current or retired member of one of a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces.*

This act became effective October 30, 2015.

CURRENT LAW: The North Carolina Military Affairs Commission is charged with providing "advice, counsel, and recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, the Secretary of Commerce, and other State agencies on initiatives, programs, and legislation that will continue and increase the role that North Carolina's military installations, the National Guard, and Reserves play in America's defense strategy and the economic health and vitality of the State." G.S. 127C-1(b).

As the Commission was constituted before enactment of this act, eleven of its twenty-one voting members were appointed by the Governor, five were appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and five were appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. None of the voting members had to be a current or retired member of the North Carolina National Guard or a current or retired member of a reserve component of the Air Force, Army, Navy or Marines.

BILL ANALYSIS: The act amends G.S. 127C-2 to increase by two the number of voting members on the Commission, which now comprises twenty-three voting members, and by increasing the number of voting members appointed by the Governor from eleven to thirteen members.

One of the two new appointees must be a current or retired member of the North Carolina National Guard and one must be a current or retired member of a reserve component of the Air Force, Army, Navy or Marines. Each of them must also be a resident of North Carolina with a long-term connection to the State who either is involved in a military affairs organization or is involved in military issues through civic, commercial, or governmental relationships.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act became effective on October 30, 2015.

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