



SENATE BILL 71: Stagger RRC Member Terms

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SUMMARY: *Senate Bill 303 would extend the terms of three members of the Rules Review Commission by one year.*

CURRENT LAW: The Rules Review Commission ("Commission") comprises ten members, five appointed by the Speaker and five appointed by the President Pro Tempore. Each member serves a two-year term. Pursuant to G.S. 143B-30.1(b), the terms were originally staggered so that in one year, two of the Speaker's appointees' terms and three of the President Pro Tempore's appointees' terms would expire, while in the next year, three of the Speaker's appointees' terms and two of the President Pro Tempore's appointees' terms would expire.

In 2013, the President Pro Tempore appointed five persons and the Speaker appointed three persons to serve on the Commission, with all eight terms expiring on June 30 2015.¹ One of the President Pro Tempore's 2013 appointees did not take the oath of office and that position has remained vacant. In 2014, the Speaker appointed two persons to serve on the Commission with terms expiring on June 30, 2016.²

The current terms of the members of the Commission are not staggered as contemplated under the statute, because all five terms allocated to appointees of the President Pro Tempore will expire on June 30, 2015, rather than two.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 303 extends the terms of three of the President Pro Tempore's appointees to the Commission by one year to June 30, 2016. With this change, terms will expire for three of the Speaker's appointees and for one of the President Pro Tempore's appointees in 2015. If the President Pro Tempore appoints another member to fill the current vacancy, then that appointee's term will also expire in 2015. Then, in 2016, the terms of two of the Speaker's appointees and three of the President Pro Tempore's appointees will expire.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

¹ S.L. 2013-360, ss. 1.48, 2.50.

² S.L. 2014-116, s. 2.34.

