



HOUSE BILL 740: SAR Rename/Disputed County Boundaries/Mapping.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 740 would modernize and update statutes related to the urban search and rescue teams and the NC Geodetic Survey.*

CURRENT LAW AND BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 would change the name of the urban search and rescue team to the North Carolina search and rescue team to more accurately reflect the diverse terrain and missions the team serves in the State.

The Department of Public Safety, NC Emergency Management, has a program for search and rescue efforts that relies on contracts, memorandums of understanding, and memorandums of agreement with a specialized group of individuals with capabilities equivalent to search and rescue teams established under the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The search and rescue team consists of several teams, mostly specialized subunits of local fire departments and other emergency personnel, that are strategically located in major urban centers so they can be quickly deployed across the State.

Section 2 would modernize the statute to comport with current practices; the North Carolina Geodetic Survey is currently being used to help locate and reestablish county boundary lines.

The Geodetic Survey is part of NC Emergency Management. Counties with uncertain or disputed boundary lines may request help from the Geodetic Survey by submitting a written request. All the counties adjacent to the uncertain or disputed boundary must make the request. The Geodetic Survey reestablishing the boundary line is given to the counties. If the counties fail to ratify the reestablished boundary line within one year of receiving the survey plat denoting the location of the reestablished boundary line, the survey plat will become conclusive as to the location of the boundary line and will be recorded in the Register of Deeds in each affected county and in the Secretary of State's office.

Section 3 would clarify that protective ridge maps are housed with the office of the North Carolina Geodetic Survey, NC Emergency Management, in Raleigh.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Section 1 becomes effective July 1, 2017. The remainder of the act would become effective when it becomes law.

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