



SENATE BILL 478: Modify Appointment Reporting/Industrial Commission Terms.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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Analysis of:	S.L. 2019-167		

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2019-167 modifies the reporting requirement for gender-proportionate appointments to certain boards and commissions and modifies the appointment process for, and term of office of, the chairman and vice-chairman of the North Carolina Industrial Commission (NCIC).*

This act became effective July 26, 2019.

CURRENT LAW: Each State appointing authority making appointments to a statutorily created public body, except those public bodies having only advisory authority, must file an annual report with the Secretary of State on gender-proportionate appointments on or before September 1. This report discloses the number of appointments made during the preceding year and the number of appointments of each gender made, expressed both in numerical terms and as a percentage of the total membership of the body. The Secretary of State must submit to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the names of all State bodies an appointing authority must report on by July 1 of each year.¹

The NCIC is composed of six commissioners appointed for six-year terms by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Beginning on December 30, 2016, and continuing every four years thereafter, the Governor designates one commission member to act as chairman and one commission member to act as vice-chairmen of the NCIC for four-year terms.²

BILL ANALYSIS

The act shifts responsibility for submitting the annual report to the Secretary of State on gender-proportionate appointments from the State authority making the appointment, to each individual board designated by the State Ethics Commission as a nonadvisory board. The act requires the Secretary of State to accept an electronic filing of the report. Reports on appointments by units of local government to local boards continue to be submitted by the clerk of the unit of local government making the appointment.

The act also eliminates the quadrennial December 30th designation date of, and four-year term limitation for, chairman and vice-chairman of the NCIC.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act became effective July 26, 2019.

¹ G.S. 143-157.1.

² G.S. 97-77.

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