



# SENATE BILL 478: Modify Appointment Reporting.

2019-2020 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	House State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	June 26, 2019
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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 478 would modify the reporting requirement for gender-proportionate appointments to certain boards and commissions.*

*The PCS would correct a typo in the section numbers, modify the short title, and add clarifying language to distinguish between public bodies and local boards.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Under G.S. 143-157.1, each State appointing authority that makes appointments to a statutorily-created public body, except those 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, and the President Pro Tempore by July 1 of each year the names of all State bodies on which an appointing authority must report.

### BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Bill 478 would change the reporting authority for boards appointed by the State. Rather than the State appointing authority submitting the report to the Secretary of State, every board designated by the State Ethics Commission as a nonadvisory board would be required to submit the report by September 1. The Secretary of State would be required to accept an electronic filing of the report.

For local boards appointed by units of local government, the report would still be submitted by the clerk of the unit of local government making the appointment.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would be effective when it becomes law.

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