



# SENATE BILL 169: Modify Kinston-Lenoir County TDA Membership.

2021-2022 General Assembly

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<b>Committee:</b>	Senate State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	<b>Date:</b>	March 10, 2021
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Sen. Perry	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Billy R. Godwin Staff Attorney
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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 169 would modify the method for appointment of members to the Kinston-Lenoir County Tourism Development Authority.*

**CURRENT LAW:** The Kinston-Lenoir County Tourism Development Authority (Authority) is a public authority under the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The Authority is authorized by statute to spend occupancy tax funds to further the development of travel, tourism, and conventions in Lenoir County through advertising and promotion; to sponsor tourist-oriented events and activities in Lenoir County; and to finance tourist-related capital projects in Lenoir County. The Authority is composed of seven members serving three-year terms appointed as follows:

One member by the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners.

One member by the Kinston City Council.

Two members representing hotel operators with the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners and the Kinston City Council each appointing one member.

Three members representing the tourist business with the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners, the Kinston City Council, and the Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce each appointing one member.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 169 would eliminate the appointment authority of the Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce and would authorize the Authority to appoint a member to the Authority. The size of the Authority would remain at seven members.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would become effective when the bill becomes law.

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