



SENATE BILL 279: Local Governments/Regulate Navigable Waters.

2021-2022 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate Agriculture, Energy, and Environment. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	March 30, 2021
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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 279 would authorize the City of New Bern and the Towns of Bridgeton, Oriental, and Trent Woods to regulate navigable waters within their corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction.*

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1(a) would give New Bern, Bridgeton, Oriental, and Trent Woods the authority to make, adopt, and enforce local ordinances regulating the navigable waters within the municipal limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of those municipalities.

Section 1(b) would provide that conflicts between a local ordinance adopted pursuant to authority granted by this act and any State or federal rule or regulation would be resolved in favor of the State or federal rule or regulation.

Sections 1(c) and 1(d) would provide that a municipality's duly sworn law enforcement officers are authorized to enforce local ordinances adopted under authority granted in this act, and that a municipality may appropriate funds to carry out the power and authority granted by this act.

Section 2 provides that this act would only apply to the City of New Bern and the Towns of Bridgeton, Oriental, and Trent Woods.

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

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