

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1971 SESSION

CHAPTER 329  
HOUSE BILL 602

AN ACT TO CREATE THE STATESVILLE-IREDELL CIVIC CENTER  
AUTHORITY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BOND THEREFOR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

**Section 1.** There is hereby created the Statesville-Iredell Civic Center Authority, a public agency, which shall consist of five members as follows:

The Mayor of the City of Statesville, the Chairman of the Iredell County Board of Commissioners, and the Chairman of Mitchell College Board of Trustees, who shall serve ex officio, but who shall have full voting rights. Two members of the general public, who are residents of Iredell County, shall be appointed by the three ex officio members. The initial term of one public member shall be for two years and the other for a term of four years. Thereafter, as their terms expire their successors shall serve for terms of four years. A vacancy among the two public members, occurring for any reason, shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members for the unexpired term.

**Sec. 2.** From its membership the Authority shall elect a chairman, vice chairman, and secretary-treasurer. The secretary-treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Authority may deem adequate.

**Sec. 3.** The Authority shall have the power and duty to acquire, construct, establish, operate and maintain a public civic center, and allied facilities, to serve the civic, arts, sports and entertainment needs of the area. The Authority is granted the following powers:

(1) to acquire real and personal property by purchase, gift, donation, or by lease, and to dispose of real and personal property when no longer needed or deemed suitable for the purposes of the Authority;

(2) to employ architects to prepare plans for the Center, and to approve all plans submitted by the architects;

(3) to enter into leases and contracts for the construction, maintenance, and operation of the Center, and for services, materials, furnishings, equipment and all matters necessary for the location, design, construction, equipping and operation of the Center;

(4) to receive and accept aid or contributions from State, federal or local agencies, and from any source of either money, property, or labor, to be held, used, and applied for the purpose for which they were made;

(5) to employ such personnel as may be necessary for the proper implementation of the purposes and duties of the Authority;

(6) to adopt bylaws, rules and regulations for the management of its affairs; and

(7) to sue and be sued and to do all things necessary to carry out the purpose of the Authority and the powers conferred upon it by this act.

**Sec. 4.** The Authority is hereby authorized to issue revenue bonds for the acquisition, construction, equipping, furnishing, improvement, or extension of the Civic Center.

For the purposes of this act, the word "municipality" as defined in the Revenue Bond Act of 1938 shall include the Statesville-Iredell Civic Center Authority and the term "governing body", as used in the Revenue Bond Act of 1938 shall include the governing power of the Civic Center Authority herein created. All provisions of the Revenue Bond Act of 1938, except where contextually it would not be applicable, shall be applicable with respect to the issuance of revenue bonds for the purposes provided in the first sentence of this section. For the purposes of this section, the Revenue Bond Act of 1938 is hereby incorporated in, and made a part of this section, by reference.

**Sec. 5.** The Board of County Commissioners of Iredell County is hereby authorized, in its discretion and without any petition therefor, to cause an election to be held in the County, at such time as the Board may determine on the question as to whether a special tax shall be levied on all taxable property in the County, said tax not to exceed fifteen cents (15¢) on the one hundred dollar (\$100.00) valuation of property, for the purpose of purchasing necessary land and for the construction, equipping and furnishing the Statesville-Iredell Civic Center.

The election shall be held by the County Board of Elections and shall be held and conducted in accordance with the general laws for election of county officers insofar as applicable. The ballot shall afford the voters an opportunity to vote for or against the tax.

If a majority of those voting favor the tax, then the Board of County Commissioners is authorized to levy and collect a tax in such amount as it may deem necessary, not exceeding fifteen cents (15¢) on the one hundred dollar (\$100.00) valuation of property, and shall appropriate the funds collected to the Statesville-Iredell Civic Center Authority.

**Sec. 6.** This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 6th day of May, 1971.