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SENATE BILL 405

Short Title: King Holiday Comm. Created.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Martin of Guilford.

Referred to: State Personnel and State Government.

April 1, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 9 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by adding the following new Part:

“PART 27A. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION.

”§ 143B-426.34A. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission – creation; powers and duties.

There is created the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission of the Department of Administration. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission shall have the following functions and duties:

(1) To encourage appropriate ceremonies and activities throughout the State relating to the observance of the legal holiday honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday;

(2) To provide advice and assistance to local governments and private organizations across the State with respect to the observance of the holiday; and

(3) To promote among the people of North Carolina an awareness and appreciation of the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr.

”§ 143B-426.34B. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission – members; selection; quorum; compensation.

(a) The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission of the Department of Administration shall consist of 16 members. The Governor shall appoint 12 members,

1 one of whom he shall designate as chairman. The Governor shall make reasonable
2 efforts to assure that his appointees are equally distributed geographically throughout
3 the State. The General Assembly shall appoint two members upon the recommendation
4 of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and two members upon the recommendation
5 of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in accordance with G.S. 120-121. The
6 terms of four members appointed by the Governor shall expire June 30, 1995. The
7 terms of four of the members appointed by the Governor shall expire June 30, 1994.
8 The terms of four of the members appointed by the Governor shall expire June 30,
9 1992. The terms of the members appointed by the General Assembly shall expire June
10 30, 1993. At the end of the respective terms of office of the initial members of the
11 Commission, the appointment of their successors shall be for terms of four years. No
12 member of the commission shall serve more than two consecutive terms. A member
13 having served two consecutive terms shall be eligible for reappointment one year after
14 the expiration of his second term. Vacancies in appointments made by the Governor
15 shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term. Vacancies in appointments made
16 by the General Assembly shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 120-122.

17 (b) A majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
18 business.

19 (c) Members of the Commission shall be reimbursed for necessary travel and
20 subsistence expenses as authorized by G.S. 138-5. Members of the Commission who
21 are State officials or employees shall be reimbursed as authorized by G.S. 138-6."

22 Sec. 2. G.S. 120-123 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

23 "(59) The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, as established by
24 G.S. 143B-426.34A."

25 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.