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HOUSE BILL 745

Short Title: Indian Cultural Center Changes.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Sutton.

Referred to: Military, Veterans and Indian Affairs.

March 27, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NORTH CAROLINA INDIAN
CULTURAL CENTER BOARD.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Subsection (b) of Section 2 of Chapter 41 of the 1997 Session
Laws, as amended by S.L. 1998-19 and S.L. 2001-318, reads as rewritten:

"(b) The Board of the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center, Inc., shall consist of
~~17~~ 19 members, appointed as follows:

(1) One member representing each of the following Indian groups
recognized by the State of North Carolina: the Coharie of Sampson
and Harnett Counties; the Eastern Band of Cherokees; the Haliwa of
Halifax, Warren, and adjoining counties; ~~the Lumbees of Robeson,
Hoke, and Scotland Counties;~~ the Meherrin of Hertford County; and
the Indians of Person County; ~~and the Waccamaw-Siouan from
Columbus and Bladen Counties;~~ County;

(1a) Two members representing each of the following Indian groups
recognized by the State of North Carolina: the Lumbees of Robeson,
Hoke, and Scotland Counties; and the Waccamaw-Siouan from
Columbus and Bladen Counties;

(2) One member each from the following Indian organizations: the
Cumberland County Association for Indian People, the Guilford
Native Americans, the Metrolina Native Americans, and the Triangle
Native American Society;

(3) One member representing the education community of the ~~State;~~ State
and residing in Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson, or
Scotland County;

(4) Two members representing the business community of the ~~State;~~ State
and residing in Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson, or
Scotland Counties;

1 (5) Two members representing the government of the State of North
2 ~~Carolina; and~~ Carolina and residing in Bladen, Columbus,
3 Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson, or Scotland Counties; and

4 (6) One member representing the federal government.

5 Each member designated in subdivisions (1) and (2) above shall be appointed by the
6 North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs from two prioritized nominations
7 submitted by the group or organization to be represented by that member. Each member
8 designated in subdivisions (3) through (6) above shall be appointed by the North
9 Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs from two prioritized nominations submitted by
10 the Board of the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center, Inc. If the nominating group or
11 organization submits only one nomination or fails to submit nominations for any reason
12 within 30 days after the date designated for submission by the Commission, the
13 Commission shall appoint a member of its choice to fill the requirement. The Board of
14 the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center, Inc., shall appoint a chair from the Board
15 membership.

16 Members shall serve two-year terms, except that the initial terms of:

17 (1) The members representing the Coharie of Sampson and Harnett
18 Counties, the Eastern Band of Cherokees, the Indians of Person
19 County; and the Meherrin of Hertford County; the member
20 representing the Metrolina Native Americans; the member
21 representing the education community of the State; one member
22 representing the government of the State of North Carolina; and one
23 member representing the business community shall be for one year;
24 and

25 (2) The members representing the Haliwa of Halifax, Warren, and
26 adjoining counties, the Lumbees of Robeson, Hoke, and Scotland
27 Counties, and the Waccamaw-Siouan from Columbus and Bladen
28 Counties; the members representing the Cumberland County
29 Association for Indian People and the Guilford Native Americans; one
30 member representing the business community of the State; one
31 member representing the government of the State of North Carolina;
32 and one member representing the federal government shall be for two
33 years."

34 **SECTION 2.** The initial term of the additional Lumbee representative
35 provided for in Section 1 of this act shall be for one year. The initial term of the
36 additional Waccamaw-Siouan representative shall be for two years. If the members
37 representing the education community, the business community, and the government of
38 the State of North Carolina do not meet the residency requirement provided for in
39 Section 1 of this act on the effective date of this act, new members shall be appointed to
40 those seats to serve the remainder of those members' terms.

41 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2003.