

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007**

**SESSION LAW 2008-45
HOUSE BILL 2218**

**AN ACT TO MODIFY THE OCCUPANCY TAX AUTHORIZATION FOR THE
TOWN OF AHOSKIE AND TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE
GRANVILLE COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 2.1(c) of S.L. 2006-164 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 2.1.(c) Distribution and Use of Tax Revenue. – The Town of Ahoskie shall, on a quarterly basis, remit the net proceeds of the occupancy tax to the Town of Ahoskie Tourism Development Authority. The Authority shall use at least two-thirds of the funds remitted to it under this part to promote travel and tourism in the ~~town-area~~ and shall use the remainder for tourism-related expenditures.

The following definitions apply in this part:

- (1) Net proceeds. – Gross proceeds less the cost to the town of administering and collecting the tax, as determined by the finance officer, not to exceed three percent (3%) of the first five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) of gross proceeds collected each year and one percent (1%) of the remaining gross receipts collected each year.
- (2) Promote travel and tourism. – To advertise or market an area or activity, publish and distribute pamphlets and other materials, conduct market research, or engage in similar promotional activities that attract tourists or business travelers to the area. The term includes administrative expenses incurred in engaging in the listed activities.
- (3) Tourism-related expenditures. – Expenditures that, in the judgment of the Tourism Development Authority, are designed to increase the use of lodging facilities, meeting facilities, or convention facilities in a town or to attract tourists or business travelers to the town. The term includes tourism-related capital expenditures."

SECTION 2.(a) Section 1.1(a) of S.L. 2000-103 reads as rewritten:

"(a) Appointment and Membership.

The Board of County Commissioners shall adopt a resolution creating a county Tourism Development Authority, which shall be a public authority under the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The Authority shall be composed of ~~five~~ seven members who shall serve for staggered three-year terms. The members shall be appointed as follows:

- (1) ~~three~~ Four appointed by the Granville County Board of ~~Commissioners, Commissioners, two of whom must be owners or managers of a Granville County hotel or motel and two of whom must be currently active in the promotion of travel and tourism in the county.~~
- (2) ~~one~~ One appointed by the Oxford City ~~Council, and Council.~~
- (3) ~~one~~ One appointed by the Creedmoor City Council. ~~One of the three members appointed by the Granville County Board of Commissioners must be an owner or manager of a Granville County hotel or motel.~~
- (4) One appointed by the Butner Town Council.

The remaining members appointed under subdivisions (2), (3), and (4) of this subsection must be individuals who are currently active in the promotion of travel and tourism in the county. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments, and members appointed to fill vacancies shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. The resolution shall determine the compensation, if any, to be paid to the members of the Authority.

At the first meeting of each calendar year, the membership of the Authority shall elect one member to serve as chair until the first meeting of the following year. The Authority shall meet at the call of the chair and shall adopt rules of procedure to govern its meetings. The Finance Officer for Granville County shall be the ex officio finance officer of the Authority."

SECTION 2.(b) Section 2 of S.L. 2000-103 reads as rewritten:

"Section 2. To achieve the staggered terms required on the Granville County Tourism Development Authority, as provided in ~~Section 1~~ Section 1.1 of this act, the initial terms of the members of the Authority shall be as follows: The initial term of the ~~member~~ members who is an owner or manager are owners or managers of a hotel or motel shall be three years. The Granville County Board of Commissioners must designate one of its remaining appointees to serve an initial term of two years and the other to serve an initial term of one year. The member appointed by the Butner Town Council shall serve an initial term of two years. The remaining initial members shall serve terms of three years each. Thereafter, all terms shall be three years."

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 3rd day of July, 2008.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives