



1           **SECTION 3.** Cochairs. – The Commission shall have two cochairs, one  
2 designated by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and one designated by the  
3 Speaker of the House of Representatives from among their respective appointees. The  
4 Commission shall meet upon the call of the cochairs.

5           **SECTION 4.** Quorum. – A quorum of the Commission shall consist of 10  
6 members.

7           **SECTION 5.** Vacancies. – Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled  
8 by the original appointing authority.

9           **SECTION 6.** Purpose and Duties. – The Commission shall study (i) funding  
10 issues associated with the Zoological Park, including current and expected capital and  
11 operational needs, current sources of revenue, and potential funding mechanisms, such  
12 as issuance of tax-exempt bonds; and (ii) the current organizational structure of the  
13 Zoological Park, and other potential organizational structures, including, but not limited  
14 to, reorganization as an authority, as a private nonprofit corporation, or other entity to  
15 determine which organizational structure would most effectively achieve the mission of  
16 the Zoological Park.

17           **SECTION 7.** Expenses of Members. – Members of the Commission shall  
18 receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1,  
19 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

20           **SECTION 8.** Staff. – Upon the prior approval of the Legislative Services  
21 Commission, the Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional staff to the  
22 Commission to aid in its work.

23           **SECTION 9.** Consultants. – The Commission may hire consultants to assist  
24 with the study as provided in G.S. 120-32.02(b).

25           **SECTION 10.** Meetings. – The Commission may meet in the Legislative  
26 Building or the Legislative Office Building upon the approval of the Legislative  
27 Services Commission.

28           **SECTION 11.** Report. – The Commission shall report its findings and  
29 recommendations to the General Assembly and the Environmental Review Commission  
30 on or before 1 March 2008, at which time the Commission shall terminate.

31           **SECTION 12.** Funding. – From funds appropriated to the General  
32 Assembly, the Legislative Services Commission shall allocate funds for the purpose of  
33 conducting the study provided for in this act.

34           **SECTION 13.** Effective Date. – This act is effective when it becomes law.