

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1963 SESSION

CHAPTER 989
SENATE BILL 487

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NORTH CAROLINA SEASHORE COMMISSION.

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3 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:
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5 **Section 1.** Chapter 257, Public Laws of 1939, which created the North Carolina
6 Cape Hatteras Seashore Commission, is repealed.

7 **Sec. 2.** There is hereby created a Commission to be known as the "North Carolina
8 Seashore Commission", to consist of twenty members and a chairman, all of whom shall be
9 appointed by the Governor, and ex officio members as hereinafter set forth.

10 **Sec. 3.** On or before September 1, 1963, the Governor shall appoint twenty
11 members of the original Commission, ten to serve for two (2) years, and ten to serve for four
12 (4) years, and as the terms of these commissioners expire, the Governor shall thereafter appoint
13 members of the Commission to serve for terms of four (4) years. Members of the Commission
14 shall be eligible for reappointment. The Governor shall accept the resignation of members, and
15 shall appoint members to serve the unexpired terms caused by resignation or death of any of the
16 members of the Commission. Terms of the original members shall commence on September 1,
17 1963, and members shall continue to hold office until their successors are appointed and
18 qualified. The Governor shall appoint a chairman of the Commission to serve at the pleasure of
19 the Governor.

20 **Sec. 4.** At its first meeting, the Commission shall elect a vice chairman and a
21 secretary. The vice chairman shall be a member of the Commission, but the secretary need not
22 but may be a member of the Commission. The Commission shall meet upon call of the
23 chairman, and shall adopt such rules, regulations, and bylaws governing its operation as it shall
24 deem necessary. Twelve members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the
25 transaction of business.

26 **Sec. 5.** Ex officio members to advise, assist and help coordinate matters in which
27 the Commission is concerned, shall include the following: the Chairman, Board of Water
28 Resources; the Property Control Officer of the Department of Administration; the Director,
29 North Carolina Recreation Commission; a member of the Wild Life Resources Commission; a
30 member of the State Highway Commission; the Chairman of the State Parks Committee, of the
31 Board of Conservation and Development; the Director of North Carolina Civil Defense.

32 **Sec. 6.** The Commission shall have the duty, authority and responsibility to:

- 33 (1) Assist in the development of plans to achieve preservation of the shore line
34 of the State of North Carolina;
- 35 (2) Assist in the sound development of the seacoast areas of the State, giving
36 emphasis to the advancement and development of the travel attractions and
37 facilities for accommodating travelers in these areas;
- 38 (3) Assist in planning, promoting and developing recreational and industrial
39 developments in these areas, with emphasis upon making the seashore areas
40 of North Carolina attractive to visitors and to permanent residents;
- 41 (4) Coordinate the activities of local governments, agencies of the State and
42 agencies of the Federal government in planning and development of the
43 seacoast areas for the purpose of attracting visitors and new industrial

1 growth, and to develop and implement plans for preservation of the coastal
2 areas of North Carolina.

3 It shall be the duty of the Commission to study the development of the seacoast
4 areas and to recommend policies which will promote preservation of the seacoast, and
5 development of the coastal area, with particular emphasis upon the development of the scenic
6 and recreational resources of the seacoast. It shall advise and confer with various interested
7 individuals, organizations and agencies which are interested in development of the seacoast
8 areas and shall use its facilities and efforts in planning, developing and carrying out overall
9 programs for the development of the area as a whole. It shall act as liason between agencies of
10 the State, local government, and agencies of the Federal government concerned with
11 development of the seacoast region.

12 **Sec. 7.** The Commission shall make an annual report to the Governor covering its
13 work during the preceding twelve (12) months, and shall make such other reports as the
14 Governor may request from time to time. It shall file such recommendations or suggestions as it
15 may deem proper with other agencies of the State, local, or Federal governments.

16 **Sec. 8.** The members of the Commission shall receive their necessary travel and
17 subsistence expense, at the rate being currently paid to other State Boards and Commissions,
18 and shall receive a per diem of seven dollars (\$7.00) per day for each day engaged in official
19 duties of the Commission. All such expenses of the Commission shall be paid from the
20 Contingency and Emergency Fund upon application in the manner prescribed in G.S. 143-12.

21 **Sec. 9.** The Board of Water Resources shall provide staff assistance and facilities as
22 may be necessary in carrying out the provisions of this Act.

23 **Sec. 10.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

24 **Sec. 11.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after August 31, 1963.

25 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 19th day of June,
26 1963.