

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1991 SESSION

CHAPTER 264  
SENATE BILL 286

AN ACT TO SPECIFY CERTAIN DUTIES OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 97-77 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 97-77. North Carolina Industrial Commission created; members appointed by Governor; terms of office; chairman.**

(a) There is hereby created a commission to be known as the North Carolina Industrial Commission, consisting of three commissioners who shall devote their entire time to the duties of the Commission. The Governor shall appoint the members of the Commission, one for a term of two years, one for a term of four years, and one for a term of six years. Upon the expiration of each term as above mentioned, the Governor shall appoint a successor for a term of six years, and thereafter the term of office of each commissioner shall be six years. Not more than one appointee shall be a person who, on account of his previous vocation, employment or affiliations, can be classed as a representative of employers, and not more than one appointee shall be a person who, on account of his previous vocation, employment or affiliations, can be classed as a representative of employees.

(b) One member, to be designated by the Governor, shall act as chairman. The chairman shall be the chief judicial officer and the chief executive officer of the Industrial Commission; such authority shall be exercised pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 126 of the General Statutes and the rules and policies of the State Personnel Commission. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Chapter, the chairman shall have such authority as is necessary to direct and oversee the Commission. The chairman may delegate any duties and responsibilities as may be necessary to ensure the proper management of the Industrial Commission. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Chapter, Chapter 143A, and Chapter 143B of the General Statutes, the chairman, with the approval of at least one of the other commissioners, shall have the authority to hire or fire personnel and to transfer personnel within the Industrial Commission.

The Governor may designate one vice-chairman from the remaining two commissioners. The vice-chairman shall assume the powers of the chairman upon request of the chairman or when the chairman is absent for 24 hours or more. The authority delegated to the vice-chairman shall be relinquished immediately upon the return of the chairman or at the request of the chairman."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 12th day of June, 1991.

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James C. Gardner  
President of the Senate

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Daniel Blue, Jr.  
Speaker of the House of Representatives