

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

**HOUSE BILL 745
RATIFIED BILL**

**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 S.L. 1997-41, 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;
- (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~~ Two members representing the education community of the ~~State;~~ State and residing in Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson, or Scotland County;
- (4) ~~Two~~ Three members representing the business community of the ~~State;~~ State and residing in Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson, or Scotland County;
- (5) Two members representing the government of the State of North Carolina; and
- (6) One member representing the federal government.

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. If the members representing the education community and the business community do not meet the residency requirement provided for in Section 1 of this act on the effective date of this act, new members shall be appointed to those seats to serve the remainder of those members' terms. The additional members of the educational and business communities, as provided for in this act, shall be appointed so that their terms run concurrently with the terms of the current educational and business community members.

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 18th day of June, 2003.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

Richard T. Morgan
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved _____ .m. this _____ day of _____, 2003