

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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SENATE BILL 1857

Short Title: Haliwa-Saponi Tribe Name Change. (Local)

Sponsors: Senators Berger of Franklin; and Holloman.

Referred to: State and Local Government.

May 25, 2006

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW GRANTING STATE RECOGNITION TO THE
3 HALIWA-SAPONI TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 71A-5 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 71A-5. ~~Haliwa-Saponi~~ Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe of North Carolina; rights,**
7 **privileges, immunities, obligations and duties.**

8 The Indians now residing in Halifax, Warren and adjoining counties of North
9 Carolina, originally found by the first permanent white settlers on the Roanoke River in
10 Halifax and Warren Counties, and ~~claiming descent from certain~~ who descend from the
11 Saponi, Nansemond, and other tribes of Indians originally inhabiting the coastal regions
12 of North Carolina, shall, from and after April 15, 1965, be designated and officially
13 recognized as the ~~Haliwa Saponi Tribe of North Carolina,~~ Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe,
14 and they shall continue to enjoy all their rights, privileges and immunities as ~~citizens of~~
15 ~~the State as now or hereafter provided by law, and shall continue to be subject to all the~~
16 ~~obligations and duties of citizens under the law.~~ an American Indian Tribe with a
17 recognized tribal governing body carrying out and exercising substantial governmental
18 duties and powers similar to the State, being recognized as eligible for the special
19 programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status
20 as Indians."

21 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to Halifax, Warren, Franklin, Nash and
22 adjoining counties, comprising the tribal territories of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe.

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