

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE BILL 444**

Short Title: Alternate Budget Origination. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Rand; Albertson, Apodaca, Atwater, Berger of Franklin, Berger of Rockingham, Bingham, Blake, Boseman, Brunstetter, Clodfelter, Cowell, Dannelly, Dorsett, East, Forrester, Garrou, Goodall, Goss, Hagan, Hartsell, Jacumin, Jenkins, Jones, Malone, Nesbitt, Purcell, Queen, Smith, Snow, Soles, Stevens, and Swindell.

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Referred to: State & Local Government.

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March 1, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO CODIFY THE PRACTICE OF ALTERNATING BETWEEN THE  
2 HOUSES EACH BIENNIUM ORIGINATION OF THE CURRENT  
3 OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143-13 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 143-13. Printing copies of budget report and bills and rules for the introduction**  
8 **and origination of the same.**

9 The Director shall cause to be printed one thousand copies each of the budget report,  
10 the Current Operations Appropriations Bill, Capital Improvement Appropriations Bill,  
11 and the Budget Revenue Bill. The Governor shall present copies thereof to the General  
12 Assembly, together with the biennial message, except incoming Governors may, at the  
13 first session of the General Assembly in their respective terms, submit the same after the  
14 biennial message has been presented to the General Assembly. The Current Operations  
15 Appropriations Bill and the Capital Improvement Appropriations Bill shall be  
16 introduced by the chairman of the committee on appropriations in each house of the  
17 General Assembly, and the Budget Revenue Bill shall be introduced by the chairmen of  
18 the finance committees in each branch of the General Assembly: Provided, that for the  
19 years in which the Governor is elected, other than when a Governor is elected for a  
20 second successive term the Director shall deliver the budget report and the Current  
21 Operations Appropriations Bill and the Capital Improvement Appropriations Bill and  
22 the Budget Revenue Bill to the Governor-elect, on or before the fifteenth day of  
23 December, and the said budget report, Appropriations, and Revenue Bills, shall be  
24 presented by the Governor to the General Assembly with such recommendations in the  
25 way of amendments, or other modifications, together with such criticism as he may

1 determine. In the 2007-2009 biennium, the House of Representatives shall originate the  
2 Current Operations Appropriations Bill and a bill in the second year of the biennium to  
3 make general revisions in that act. Origination of the bill shall alternate between the two  
4 houses each biennium thereafter. The provisions herein contained as to the introduction  
5 of the bills mentioned in this section shall be considered and treated as a rule of  
6 procedure in the Senate and House of Representatives until otherwise expressly  
7 provided for by a rule in either, or both, of said branches of the General Assembly."

8 **SECTION 2.** Effective July 1, 2007, G.S. 143C-5-2 reads as rewritten:

9 "**§ 143C-5-2. Order of appropriations bills.**

10 (a) Each house of the General Assembly shall first pass its version of the Current  
11 Operations Appropriations Act on third reading and order it sent to the other chamber  
12 before placing any other appropriations bill on the calendar for second reading. This  
13 section does not apply to the following bills:

- 14 (1) An appropriations bill to respond to a disaster as defined by  
15 G.S. 166A-4(1).
- 16 (2) An appropriations bill making adjustments to the current year budget.
- 17 (3) An appropriations bill authorizing continued operations at current  
18 funding levels."

19 (b) In the 2007-2009 biennium, the House of Representatives shall originate the  
20 Current Operations Appropriations Bill and a bill in the second year of the biennium to  
21 make general revisions in that act. Origination of the bill shall alternate between the two  
22 houses each biennium thereafter."

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