

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 1997

SESSION LAW 1998-19
HOUSE BILL 1505

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE
NORTH CAROLINA INDIAN CULTURAL CENTER AND TO ADD A SEAT
ON THE BOARD OF THE NORTH CAROLINA INDIAN CULTURAL CENTER
FOR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INDIANS OF PERSON COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Section 33(a) of Chapter 561 of the 1993 Session Laws, as amended by Section 27.7 of S.L. 1997-443, reads as rewritten:

"(a) Of the funds appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Administration, the sum of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year shall be used for ~~the purchase of land as necessary, an environmental study, and design as necessary,~~ development of the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center in Robeson County. Up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) of these funds may be used by the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center, Inc., for administrative and operating expenses. The remaining funds shall revert on June 30, ~~1998-1999.~~"

Section 2. Subsection (b) of Section 2 of Chapter 41 of the 1997 Session Laws reads as rewritten:

"(b) The Board of the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center, Inc., shall consist of ~~15-16~~ 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; the Lumbees of Robeson, Hoke, and Scotland Counties; the Meherrin of Hertford County; the Indians of Person County; and the Waccamaw-Siouan from Columbus and Bladen Counties;
- (2) One member each from the following Indian organizations: the Cumberland County Association for Indian People, the Guilford Native Americans, and the Metrolina Native Americans;
- (3) One member representing the education community of the State;
- (4) Two members representing the business community of the State;
- (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 ~~federal government~~ 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; ~~the~~ 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 3. In order to provide for appropriate staggering of terms, the term of the member added to the Board of the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center, Inc., pursuant to Section 2 of this act to represent the Indians of Person County shall run concurrently with the terms of the members whose initial terms were for one year.

Section 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 29th day of June, 1998.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.
Governor

Approved 1:04 p.m. this 30th day of June, 1998