

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

**SESSION LAW 2001-171
HOUSE BILL 1090**

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA
RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER SHALL SERVE AS AN EX
OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE RURAL INTERNET ACCESS AUTHORITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 143B-437.42(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Commission. – The Authority is governed by a Commission that consists of 21 members, six members appointed by the Governor, six members appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate in accordance with G.S. 120-121, six members appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives in accordance with G.S. 120-121, and the following three ex officio, voting members: the State's Chief Information Officer, the ~~chair~~president of the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, and the Secretary of Commerce.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the appointing authorities, in making appointments, shall appoint members who represent the geographic, gender, and racial diversity of the State, members who represent rural counties, members who represent regional partnerships, and members who represent the communications industry, which may include local telephone exchange companies, rural telephone cooperatives, Internet service providers, commercial wireless communications carriers, and other communications businesses."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28th day of May, 2001.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ Joe Hackney
Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 9:00 a.m. this 7th day of June, 2001