

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2001**

**SENATE BILL 138  
RATIFIED BILL**

**AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MOUNT AIRY TOURISM  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Section 2 of S.L. 1997-410 reads as rewritten:

"Section 2. Mount Airy Tourism Development Authority. (a) Appointment and membership. When the board of commissioners adopts a resolution levying a room occupancy tax under this act, it shall also adopt a resolution creating a Mount Airy Tourism Development Authority, which shall be a public authority under the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The board of commissioners shall appoint ~~the following~~ eight members to the ~~Authority~~: Authority in the following five classes:

- (1) Two individuals who are owners or operators of taxable tourist accommodations in the city.
- (2) Two ~~residents of the city~~ individuals who have experience in the promotion of travel and tourism.
- (3) Two ~~residents of the city~~ individuals who are members of the Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce, selected by the Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce.
- (4) One member of the board of commissioners.
- (5) The city finance officer, who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

Members of the Authority shall serve without ~~compensation and shall serve for a term of three years~~ compensation. Members in the first three classes shall serve staggered, three-year terms. Two of the initial appointments shall be for one-year terms and two for two-year terms, with the initial terms divided among the first three classes so that the two terms that expire each year are never from the same class. Members in the fourth and fifth classes shall serve one-year terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Members appointed to fill vacancies shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. An individual may serve as a member in the first three classes for no more than two consecutive terms. The members shall elect a chair annually from among the ~~membership, who shall serve for three years~~ membership. The Authority shall meet at the call of the chair and shall adopt rules of procedure to govern its meetings.

(b) Duties. The Authority shall expend the net proceeds of the tax levied under this act for the purposes provided in Section 1 of this act. The Authority shall promote travel and tourism in the Mount Airy area. In performing its duties, the Authority may contract with any person, firm, or agency to advise and assist it and may recommend to the board of commissioners that city staff be employed for this advice and assistance. Any city staff employed upon a recommendation of the Authority shall be hired and supervised by the Authority, which shall pay the salaries and expenses of this staff.

(c) Reports. The Authority shall report quarterly and at the close of the fiscal year to the board of commissioners on its receipts and expenditures for the preceding quarter and for the year in such detail as the board may require."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.  
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of  
March, 2001.

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Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

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James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives