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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA GEOGRAPHIC
2 INFORMATION COORDINATING COUNCIL.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
6 new Article to read:

"Article 76.

"North Carolina Geographic Information Coordinating Council.

9 **§ 143-725. Council established; role of the Center for Geographic Information
10 and Analysis.**

11 (a) Council Established. – There is established the North Carolina Geographic
12 Information Coordinating Council ("Council") to develop policies regarding the
13 utilization of geographic information, GIS systems, and other related technologies. The
14 Council is responsible for strategic planning; resolution of policy and technology issues;
15 coordination, direction, and oversight; and advising the Governor, the General
16 Assembly, and the Information Resource Management Commission (IRMC) as to
17 needed directions, responsibilities, and funding regarding geographic information. This
18 statewide geographic information coordination effort shall further cooperation among
19 State, federal, and local government agencies; academic institutions; and the private
20 sector to improve the quality, access, cost-effectiveness, and utility of North Carolina's
21 geographic information and to promote geographic information as a strategic resource
22 in the State. The Council shall be located in the Office of the Governor for
23 organizational, budgetary, and administrative purposes.

24 (b) Role of CGIA. – The Center for Geographic Information and Analysis
25 (CGIA) shall staff the Geographic Information and Coordinating Council and its
26 committees. CGIA shall manage and distribute digital geographic information about
27 North Carolina maintained by numerous State and local government agencies. It shall
28 operate a statewide data clearinghouse and provide Internet access to State geographic
29 information.

1 **"§ 143-726. Council membership; organization.**

2 (a) Members. – The Council shall consist of up to 35 members, or their
3 designees, as listed in this section. An appointing authority may reappoint a Council
4 member for successive terms.

5 (b) Governor's Appointments. – The Governor shall appoint the following
6 members:

- 7 (1) The head of an at-large State agency not represented in subsection (d)
8 of this section.
- 9 (2) An employee of a county government.
- 10 (3) An employee of a municipal government.
- 11 (4) An employee of the federal government who is stationed in North
12 Carolina.
- 13 (5) A representative from the Lead Regional Organizations.
- 14 (6) A member nominated by the North Carolina League of Municipalities.
- 15 (7) A member nominated by the North Carolina Association of County
16 Commissioners.
- 17 (8) A member of the general public.
- 18 (9) Any other individuals whom the Governor deems appropriate to
19 enhance the efforts of geographic information coordination.

20 Members appointed by the Governor shall serve three-year terms. The Governor
21 shall name a Chair from among the Council membership to serve as Chair for a term of
22 one year.

23 (c) General Assembly Appointments. – The President Pro Tempore of the Senate
24 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint three members to
25 the Council. These members shall serve one-year terms.

26 (d) Other Members. – Other Council members shall include:

- 27 (1) The Secretary of State.
- 28 (2) The Commissioner of Agriculture.
- 29 (3) The Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- 30 (4) The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural
31 Resources.
- 32 (5) The Secretary of the Department of Transportation.
- 33 (6) The Secretary of the Department of Administration.
- 34 (7) The Secretary of the Department of Commerce.
- 35 (8) The Secretary of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.
- 36 (9) The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.
- 37 (10) The Secretary of the Department of Revenue.
- 38 (11) The President of the North Carolina Community Colleges System.
- 39 (12) The President of The University of North Carolina System.
- 40 (13) The Chair of the Public Utilities Commission.
- 41 (14) The State Budget Officer.
- 42 (15) One representative from the State Government GIS User Committee.

1 (16) One representative elected annually from the Local Government
2 Committee established pursuant to subdivision (h)(2) of this section.

3 (17) The State Chief Information Officer who shall serve as a nonvoting, ex
4 officio member.

5 Members serving pursuant to this subsection shall serve terms to coincide with (i)
6 their respective offices or (ii) their respective appointments by the standing committee
7 they represent.

8 (e) Meetings. – The Council shall meet quarterly, or more often, as determined
9 by the Chair. The Chair shall head the Management and Operations Committee to
10 conduct the Council's business between quarterly meetings.

11 (f) Administration. – The Director of the CGIA shall be secretary of the Council
12 and provide staff support as it requires.

13 (g) Reports. – The Council shall report at least annually to the Governor and to
14 the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

15 (h) Committees. – The Council may establish work groups, as needed, and shall
16 oversee the standing committees created in this subsection. Each standing committee
17 shall adopt bylaws, subject to the Council's approval, to cover its proceedings. Except as
18 otherwise provided, the Chair of the Council shall appoint the standing committee
19 chairs from representatives listed in subsections (b), (c), or (d) of this section. The
20 standing committees are as follows:

21 (1) State Government GIS User Committee. – Membership shall consist of
22 representatives from all interested State government departments. The
23 Council Chair shall appoint the committee chair from one of the State
24 agencies represented in subsection (d) of this section.

25 (2) Local Government Committee. – Membership shall consist of
26 representatives from organizations and professional associations that
27 currently serve or represent local government GIS users, the North
28 Carolina League of Municipalities, the North Carolina Association of
29 County Commissioners, and a Lead Regional Organization. The
30 committee shall elect one of its members to the Council.

31 (3) Federal Interagency Committee. – Membership shall consist of
32 representatives from all interested federal agencies and Tribal
33 governments with an office located in North Carolina. The appointed
34 federal representative serving pursuant to subdivision (b)(4) of this
35 section shall serve as the Chair of the Federal Interagency Committee.

36 (4) Statewide Mapping Advisory Committee. – This committee shall
37 consolidate statewide mapping requirements and attempt to gain
38 statewide support for financing cooperative programs. The committee
39 shall also advise the Council on issues, problems, and opportunities
40 relating to federal, State, and local government geospatial data
41 programs.

1 (5) GIS Technical Advisory Committee. – This committee shall develop
2 the statewide technical architecture for GIS and anticipate and respond
3 to GIS technical opportunities and issues affecting State, county, and
4 local governments in North Carolina.

5 (6) Management and Operations Committee. – This committee shall
6 consider management and operational matters related to GIS and other
7 matters that are formally requested by the Council. The committee
8 membership shall include the Council Chair, a representative from the
9 Office of State Budget, Planning, and Management, and one
10 representative from each standing committee of the Council.

11 "**§ 143-727. Compensation and expenses of Council members; travel**
12 **reimbursements.**

13 Members of the Council shall serve without compensation but may receive travel
14 and subsistence as follows:

15 (1) Council members who are officials or employees of a State agency or
16 unit of local government, in accordance with G.S. 138-6.

17 (2) All other Council members at the rate established in G.S. 138-5."

18 **SECTION 2.** The respective appointing authorities shall complete their
19 appointments to the North Carolina Geographic Information Coordinating Council
20 under G.S. 143-726(b) and (c), as enacted in Section 1 of this act, within 60 days of the
21 date when this act becomes effective.

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