

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 489

Short Title: Clarify Waccamaw Siouan . (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Britt (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 3, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AMENDING THE STATE RECOGNITION OF THE WACCAMAW SIOUAN  
TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

"§ 71A-4. **Waccamaw Siouan Tribe of North Carolina; rights, privileges, immunities,  
obligations and duties.**

The Indians now living in Bladen and Columbus and adjoining counties of North Carolina,  
originally found by the first white settlers in the region of the Cape Fear River, Lake Waccamaw,  
and the Waccamaw Indians, a Siouan Tribe which inhabited the areas surrounding the  
Waccamaw, Pee Dee, and Lumber Rivers in North and South Carolina, shall, from and after July  
20, 1971, be designated and officially recognized as the Waccamaw Siouan Tribe of North  
Carolina and shall continue to enjoy all their rights, privileges and immunities ~~as citizens of the  
State as now or hereafter provided by law, and shall continue to be subject to all the obligations  
and duties of citizens under the law~~ as an American Indian Tribe with a recognized tribal  
governing body carrying out and exercising substantial governmental duties and powers similar  
to the State, being recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the  
United States to Indians because of their status as Indians."

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

