

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2023**

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**SENATE BILL 754**

Short Title:   General Assembly Appointments. (Public)

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Sponsors:    Senator Rabon (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to:  Rules and Operations of the Senate

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June 28, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE  
RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**PART I. PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

**SECTION 1.1.** Effective January 1, 2024, James Gussler, Jr., of Caswell County is appointed to the North Carolina Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for a term expiring December 31, 2027.

**SECTION 1.2.** Effective January 1, 2024, Dr. Patricia A. Pfeiffer of Wayne County, Patricia A. Markus of Wake County, and Dr. Perrin Jones of Pitt County are appointed to the North Carolina Institute of Medicine Board of Directors for terms expiring December 31, 2027.

**SECTION 1.3.** Effective January 1, 2024, John T. Lucey of New Hanover County is appointed to the North Carolina Oil and Gas Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2027.

**SECTION 1.4.** Effective January 1, 2024, Sherry Heuser of Wake County is appointed to the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., for a term expiring December 31, 2026.

**SECTION 1.5.** Effective July 1, 2023, Sarah J. Burnham of Catawba County is appointed to the North Carolina Appraisal Board for a term expiring June 30, 2026.

**SECTION 1.6.** Effective July 1, 2023, Steve A. Shuttleworth of New Hanover County is appointed to the North Carolina Coastal Resources Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2027.

**SECTION 1.7.** Effective July 1, 2023, Caroline H. Brown of Iredell County and Jamieson Levi Brown of Randolph County are appointed to the North Carolina Alarm Systems Licensing Board for terms expiring June 30, 2026.

**SECTION 1.8.** Effective July 1, 2023, Valory K. Hicks of Wake County and Amy Y. Swink of Caldwell County are appointed to the North Carolina Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy for terms expiring June 30, 2026.

**SECTION 1.9.** Effective July 1, 2023, Christopher E. Deal of Pender County and George T. Ammons of Scotland County are appointed to the North Carolina Well Contractors Certification Commission for terms expiring June 30, 2026.

**SECTION 1.10.** Effective July 1, 2023, Dr. Michael M. Marushack of New Hanover County is appointed to the North Carolina Board of Athletic Trainer Examiners for a term expiring June 30, 2026.



1           **SECTION 1.11.** Effective July 1, 2023, Walter H. James of Rockingham County is  
2 appointed to the North Carolina On-Site Wastewater Contractors and Inspectors Certification  
3 Board for a term expiring July 1, 2026.

4           **SECTION 1.12.** Effective July 1, 2023, Sheriff Pete Herron of Montgomery County  
5 is appointed to the Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance  
6 Abuse Services for a term expiring June 30, 2026.

7           **SECTION 1.13.** Effective July 1, 2023, Heath R. Jenkins of Lincoln County and  
8 George R. Taylor of Bladen County are appointed to the North Carolina Rural Infrastructure  
9 Authority for terms expiring June 30, 2026.

10          **SECTION 1.14.** Effective September 1, 2023, Dr. Loury O. Floyd of Cumberland  
11 County, Ida M. Weisner of Yadkin County, and Randall Penfield of Guilford County are  
12 appointed to the North Carolina Professional Educator Preparation and Standards Commission  
13 for terms expiring August 31, 2025.

14          **SECTION 1.15.** Effective July 1, 2023, Walker B. Ferguson of Buncombe County  
15 and William R. Davis of Onslow County are appointed to the North Carolina Board for Licensing  
16 of Soil Scientists for terms expiring June 30, 2026.

17          **SECTION 1.16.** Effective July 1, 2023, Richard A. Epley of Burke County, Ronald  
18 L. Parrish of Alamance County, Michael D. Slagle of Mitchell County, and Jamie L. Bullard of  
19 Columbus County are appointed to the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training  
20 Standards Commission for terms expiring June 30, 2025.

21          **SECTION 1.17.** Effective July 1, 2023, Mark G. Vrablic of Dare County is  
22 appointed to the North Carolina Marine Industrial Park Authority for a term expiring June 30,  
23 2025.

24          **SECTION 1.18.** Effective July 1, 2023, Patrick P. Joyce of Carteret County is  
25 appointed to the North Carolina State Ports Authority for a term expiring June 30, 2025.

26          **SECTION 1.19.** Effective July 1, 2023, The Honorable Benton Sawrey of Johnston  
27 County, The Honorable James Burgin of Harnett County, The Honorable Steve Jarvis of  
28 Davidson County, Dr. Lindsey H. Maslow of Orange County, Leatrice Martin of Durham  
29 County, Adrienne G. Calhoun of Guilford County, Dr. David Y. Huang of Orange County, and  
30 Douglas A. Schiller of Pitt County are appointed to the Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke  
31 Prevention Task Force for terms expiring June 30, 2025.

32          **SECTION 1.20.** Effective July 1, 2023, Dr. Thomas J. Williams of Wake County is  
33 appointed to the North Carolina Board of Science, Technology, and Innovation for a term  
34 expiring June 30, 2025.

35          **SECTION 1.21.** Effective July 1, 2023, Dr. Susan Stigall of Buncombe County is  
36 appointed to the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2025.

37          **SECTION 1.22.** Effective July 1, 2023, Brandon W. Leebrick of Rockingham  
38 County and William W. Nelson of Wake County are appointed to the Rules Review Commission  
39 for terms expiring June 30, 2025.

40          **SECTION 1.23.** Effective December 1, 2023, D. Anthony Blackman of Wake  
41 County is appointed to the Economic Investment Committee for a term expiring November 30,  
42 2025.

43          **SECTION 1.24.** Effective July 1, 2023, John M. Check of Nash County is appointed  
44 to the Judicial Standards Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2029.

45          **SECTION 1.25.** Effective July 1, 2023, Alicia R. Fink of Wake County and Ashley  
46 B. Snyder of Wake County are appointed to the North Carolina Child Care Commission for terms  
47 expiring June 30, 2025.

48          **SECTION 1.26.** Effective September 1, 2023, Avis Watkins-Smith of Harnett  
49 County, Cathy Cloninger of Gaston County, Carianne E. Fisher of Durham County, Kathleen A.  
50 Lockwood of Durham County, and TeAndra M. Miller of Wake County are appointed to the  
51 North Carolina Domestic Violence Commission for terms expiring August 31, 2025.

1           **SECTION 1.27.** Effective July 1, 2023, Lavonda R. Daniels of Carteret County and  
2 Leigh T. Brown of Cabarrus County are appointed to the North Carolina Housing Finance  
3 Agency Board of Directors for terms expiring June 30, 2025.

4           **SECTION 1.28.** Effective July 1, 2023, Gerald Goolsby of Robeson County is  
5 appointed to the North Carolina State Commission of Indian Affairs for a term expiring June 30,  
6 2025.

7           **SECTION 1.29.** Effective July 1, 2023, William Marc Nichols of Johnston County  
8 is appointed to the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission for a  
9 term expiring June 30, 2025.

10          **SECTION 1.30.(a)** Effective July 1, 2023, The Honorable Wilton R. Duke of Pitt  
11 County is appointed to the Board of Trustees of the State Health Plan for Teachers and State  
12 Employees for a term expiring June 30, 2024.

13          **SECTION 1.30.(b)** Effective July 1, 2023, Dr. Kerry A. Willis of Carteret County  
14 is appointed to the Board of Trustees of the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees  
15 for a term expiring June 30, 2025.

16          **SECTION 1.31.** Effective July 1, 2023, The Honorable John M. Alexander of Wake  
17 County, Mark Craig of Guilford County, Landon Zimmer of New Hanover County, and Thomas  
18 Berry of Guilford County are appointed to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission  
19 for terms expiring June 30, 2025.

20          **SECTION 1.32.** Effective September 1, 2023, Robert J. Kellogg of Gaston County,  
21 James H. Pressly of Iredell County, Thomas E. Smith of Wake County, Sallie P. Surface of  
22 Hertford County, and Owen J. Thomas of Robeson County are appointed to the North Carolina  
23 Housing Partnership for terms expiring August 31, 2026.

24          **SECTION 1.33.** Effective July 1, 2023, Ashley R. Gordon of Guilford County is  
25 appointed to the North Carolina Interpreter and Transliterator Licensing Board for a term  
26 expiring June 30, 2026.

27          **SECTION 1.34.** Effective October 1, 2023, Reverend Dr. Pierre Crawford of Gaston  
28 County is appointed to the African-American Heritage Commission for a term expiring  
29 September 30, 2026.

30          **SECTION 1.35.** Effective October 1, 2023, Zachary C. Bolen of Wake County is  
31 appointed to the Dispute Resolution Commission for a term expiring September 30, 2026.

32          **SECTION 1.36.** Effective October 1, 2023, Andrew T. Tripp of Wake County is  
33 appointed to the Roanoke Island Historical Association, Inc., Board of Directors for a term  
34 expiring September 30, 2026.

35          **SECTION 1.37.** Effective September 1, 2023, Jason B. Roth of Wake County is  
36 appointed to the North Carolina State Lottery Commission for a term expiring August 31, 2028.

37          **SECTION 1.38.** Effective August 1, 2023, William P. Aceto of Watauga County is  
38 appointed to the North Carolina Real Estate Commission for a term expiring July 31, 2026.

39          **SECTION 1.39.** Effective January 1, 2024, Robyn E. Klose of Wake County is  
40 appointed to the State Board of Proprietary Schools for a term expiring December 31, 2030.

41          **SECTION 1.40.** Effective October 1, 2023, Christine J. Fernandini of Harnett  
42 County, Rose J. Randall of Moore County, and Laurie T. Stickney of Wake County are appointed  
43 to the North Carolina Brain Injury Advisory Council for terms expiring September 30, 2027.

44          **SECTION 1.41.(a)** Effective July 1, 2023, Roger D. Barnes of New Hanover County  
45 is appointed to the North Carolina Board of Funeral Service for a term expiring December 31,  
46 2023, to fill the unexpired term of Robert D. Jansen.

47          **SECTION 1.41.(b)** Effective January 1, 2024, Roger D. Barnes of New Hanover  
48 County is appointed to the North Carolina Board of Funeral Service for a term expiring December  
49 31, 2026.

50          **SECTION 1.42.** Effective July 1, 2023, Wendel H. Murphy of Duplin County, Philip  
51 R. Isley of Wake County, Patricia A. Long of Wake County, Randall C. Ramsey of Carteret

1 County, and Cassius Williams of Pitt County are appointed to the Centennial Authority for terms  
2 expiring June 30, 2027.

3 **SECTION 1.43.** Effective July 1, 2023, Michael D. Crotts of Burke County is  
4 appointed to the North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board for a term expiring June 30,  
5 2027.

6 **SECTION 1.44.** Effective July 1, 2023, Troy E. Gilleland of Catawba County and  
7 William R. Roach of Wake County are appointed to the North Carolina Global TransPark  
8 Authority Board of Directors for terms expiring June 30, 2027.

9 **SECTION 1.45.** Effective July 1, 2023, William W. Peaslee of Wake County is  
10 appointed to the State Property Tax Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2027.

11 **SECTION 1.46.** Effective July 1, 2023, Owen J. Thomas of Robeson County is  
12 appointed to the Public Officers and Employees Liability Insurance Commission for a term  
13 expiring June 30, 2027.

14 **SECTION 1.47.** Effective July 1, 2023, The Honorable Michael P. Walters of  
15 Robeson County and Franklin A. Rouse of New Hanover County are appointed to the North  
16 Carolina Railroad Board of Directors for terms expiring June 30, 2027.

17 **SECTION 1.48.** Effective July 1, 2023, Leah M. Carper of Guilford County is  
18 appointed to the North Carolina Principal Fellows Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2027.

19 **SECTION 1.49.** Effective July 1, 2023, Timothy M. Baumgartner of Johnston  
20 County and Michael S. Ellison of Wake County are appointed to the North Carolina  
21 Environmental Management Commission for terms expiring June 30, 2027.

22 **SECTION 1.50.** Effective July 1, 2023, David A. Dye of Wake County is appointed  
23 to the North Carolina Home Inspector Licensure Board for a term expiring July 1, 2027.

24 **SECTION 1.51.** Benjamin J. Curtis of Rockingham County and Pamela T.  
25 Thompson of Alamance County are appointed to the Governor's Crime Commission for terms  
26 expiring February 28, 2025.

27 **SECTION 1.52.** Effective July 1, 2023, Warren Lentz Brewer of New Hanover  
28 County is appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement  
29 System for a term expiring June 30, 2025.

30 **SECTION 1.53.** Effective January 1, 2024, Kelly L. Cobb of Caswell County,  
31 Charles C. Heald of Durham County, and Amanda A. Mixon of Wake County are appointed to  
32 the License to Give Trust Fund Commission for terms expiring December 31, 2025.

33 **SECTION 1.54.** Ellen N. Thomas of Mecklenburg County is appointed to the North  
34 Carolina Criminal Justice Information Network Governing Board for a term expiring June 30,  
35 2025, to fill the unexpired term of Crystal Combs.

36 **SECTION 1.55.** William K. Graham of Wake County is appointed to the North  
37 Carolina Board of Barber and Electrolysis Examiners for a term expiring December 31, 2025, to  
38 fill the unexpired term of James B. Norton.

39 **SECTION 1.56.** Effective July 1, 2023, Abena K. Jones-Boone of Wake County is  
40 appointed to the North Carolina Recreational Therapy Licensure Board for a term expiring June  
41 30, 2026.

42 **SECTION 1.57.** Effective July 1, 2023, Patricia E. Pitts of Mecklenburg County is  
43 appointed to the North Carolina Board of Dietetics/Nutrition for a term expiring June 30, 2026.

44 **SECTION 1.58.** Effective October 1, 2023, Dr. Douglas C. Hague of Union County  
45 is appointed to the North Carolina Innovation Council for a term expiring September 30, 2027.

46 **SECTION 1.59.(a)** Effective July 1, 2023, Robert S. Boyette of Wilson County is  
47 appointed to the Board of Trustees for the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf for a term  
48 expiring June 30, 2026.

49 **SECTION 1.59.(b)** Effective July 1, 2023, Dr. David M. Dolman of Wilson County  
50 is appointed to the Board of Trustees for the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf for a  
51 term expiring June 30, 2028.

1           **SECTION 1.60.(a)** Effective July 1, 2023, Yvonne M. White of Burke County is  
2 appointed to the Board of Trustees for the North Carolina School for the Deaf for a term expiring  
3 June 30, 2026.

4           **SECTION 1.60.(b)** Effective July 1, 2023, Wallace M. Saunders of Mecklenburg  
5 County is appointed to the Board of Trustees for the North Carolina School for the Deaf for a  
6 term expiring June 30, 2028.

7           **SECTION 1.61.** Effective July 1, 2024, Dr. Alan A. Chase of Wake County is  
8 appointed to the Board of Trustees for the Governor Morehead School for the Blind for a term  
9 expiring June 30, 2028.

10          **SECTION 1.62.** Effective July 1, 2023, Kimberly M. Shepherd of Ashe County is  
11 appointed to the Appalachian State University Board of Trustees for a term expiring June 30,  
12 2027.

13          **SECTION 1.63.** Effective July 1, 2023, Thomas J. "Jim" Segrave, Jr., of Lenoir  
14 County is appointed to the East Carolina University Board of Trustees for a term expiring June  
15 30, 2027.

16          **SECTION 1.64.** Effective July 1, 2023, Reverend James D. Galliard of Nash County  
17 is appointed to the Elizabeth City State University Board of Trustees for a term expiring June 30,  
18 2027.

19          **SECTION 1.65.** Effective July 1, 2023, Jerry D. Gregory of Cumberland County is  
20 appointed to the Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees for a term expiring June 30,  
21 2027.

22          **SECTION 1.66.** Effective July 1, 2023, Mark F. Copeland of Dallas County, Texas,  
23 is appointed to the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Board of Trustees  
24 for a term expiring June 30, 2027.

25          **SECTION 1.67.** Effective July 1, 2023, Roderick G. Allison of Granville County is  
26 appointed to the North Carolina Central University Board of Trustees for a term expiring June  
27 30, 2027.

28          **SECTION 1.68.** Effective July 1, 2023, Perry R. Safran of Wake County is appointed  
29 to the North Carolina State University Board of Trustees for a term expiring June 30, 2027.

30          **SECTION 1.69.** Effective July 1, 2023, Peter H. Heckman of Buncombe County is  
31 appointed to the University of North Carolina at Asheville Board of Trustees for a term expiring  
32 June 30, 2027.

33          **SECTION 1.70.** Effective July 1, 2023, James C. D. Blaine, II, of Wake County is  
34 appointed to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Board of Trustees for a term expiring  
35 June 30, 2027.

36          **SECTION 1.71.** Effective July 1, 2023, Lawrence J. Shaheen of Mecklenburg  
37 County is appointed to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Board of Trustees for a term  
38 expiring June 30, 2027.

39          **SECTION 1.72.** Effective July 1, 2023, David L. Brown of Guilford County is  
40 appointed to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro Board of Trustees for a term  
41 expiring June 30, 2027.

42          **SECTION 1.73.** Effective July 1, 2023, Ronald M. Gibson of Scotland County is  
43 appointed to the University of North Carolina at Pembroke for a term expiring June 30, 2027.

44          **SECTION 1.74.** Effective July 1, 2023, Dr. Jimmy T. Tate of Duplin County is  
45 appointed to the University of North Carolina at Wilmington Board of Trustees for a term  
46 expiring June 30, 2027.

47          **SECTION 1.75.** Effective July 1, 2023, Catherine K. Watts of Wake County is  
48 appointed to the University of North Carolina Center for Public Media Board of Trustees for a  
49 term expiring June 30, 2027.

1           **SECTION 1.76.** Effective July 1, 2023, Eric B. Flow of Forsyth County is appointed  
2 to the University of North Carolina School of the Arts Board of Trustees for a term expiring June  
3 30, 2027.

4           **SECTION 1.77.** Effective July 1, 2023, The Honorable Kathryn G. Harrington of  
5 Gaston County is appointed to the Western Carolina University Board of Trustees for a term  
6 expiring June 30, 2027.

7           **SECTION 1.78.** Effective July 1, 2023, Dr. L'Tanya J. Bailey of Forsyth County is  
8 appointed to the Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees for a term expiring June 30,  
9 2027.

10           **SECTION 1.79.** If Senate Bill 3, 2023 Regular Session, becomes law, then Dr. Gary  
11 G. Gammon of Moore County and Dr. Michael P. Moulton of New Hanover County are  
12 appointed to the North Carolina Compassionate Use Advisory Board for terms beginning July 1,  
13 2023, and expiring June 30, 2027.

14           **SECTION 1.80.** If Senate Bill 3, 2023 Regular Session, becomes law, then Steve  
15 Windham of Brunswick County is appointed to the North Carolina Medical Cannabis Production  
16 Commission for a term beginning July 1, 2023, and expiring June 30, 2027.

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18 **PART II. EFFECTIVE DATE**

19           **SECTION 2.1.** This act is effective when it becomes law. Unless otherwise provided,  
20 terms begin upon the effective date of this act.