

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1963 SESSION

CHAPTER 1082
SENATE BILL 381

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE GEORGE WASHINGTON STATUE COMMISSION.
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3 WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina in the early nineteenth century
4 commissioned the famous Italian sculptor, Antonio Canova, to design and sculpt a marble
5 statue of the Father of his Country, George Washington, and Canova did thereafter design and
6 sculpt the aforesaid statue, and it was duly delivered in Raleigh and placed in the old State
7 House; and

8 WHEREAS, the aforesaid statue won wide acclaim and was considered by
9 contemporaries to be a great work of art; and

10 WHEREAS, the aforesaid statue was destroyed when the old State House burned in
11 1831; and

12 WHEREAS, in the year 1909 the government of Italy had made from then existing
13 models a new plaster model designed as nearly similar to the original statue as possible, and
14 presented this plaster model to the State of North Carolina; and

15 WHEREAS, the aforesaid plaster model now is preserved in the Hall of History of
16 the Department of Archives and History; and

17 WHEREAS, it will be fitting and proper for a new marble reproduction of the
18 original statue to be made: Now, therefore,

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20 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:
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22 **Section 1.** There is hereby established the George Washington Statue Commission,
23 to consist ex officio of the Superintendent of Public Instruction; the Director, Department of
24 Conservation and Development; the Director, Department of Archives and History; and 15
25 members to be appointed by the Governor for terms of four (4) years each.

26 **Sec. 2.** The aforesaid Commission is authorized to solicit funds from non-State
27 sources, and such funds shall be deposited in a special account by the State Treasurer. The
28 Commission is authorized to expend funds received by it for the purpose set forth in this Act.

29 **Sec. 3.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

30 **Sec. 4.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

31 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 21st day of June,
32 1963.