

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1965 SESSION

CHAPTER 1168
SENATE BILL 276

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DAVIDSON'S
2 FORT.

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4 WHEREAS, Davidson's Fort at the foot of Swannanoa Gap, McDowell County,
5 constructed in 1776 by General Griffith Rutherford for the protection of the frontier and to
6 serve as a haven for settlers against Indian attacks, had a significant role in the early history of
7 North Carolina; and

8 WHEREAS, the McDowell County Historical Society has initiated a project to
9 preserve and interpret the site and later, as may be feasible, to reconstruct the fort; and

10 WHEREAS, through local efforts a total of more than five thousand dollars
11 (\$5,000.00) has been raised in cash and pledges toward this project and a municipal building
12 located on the site has been obtained for use as a museum : Now, therefore,

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14 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

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16 **Section 1.** The sum of sixteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$16,500.00) is
17 appropriated from the General Fund of the State to the State Department of Archives and
18 History to be used to supplement the above local funds for the following purposes:

19 Land purchase (original site).....\$14,000.00
20 Reconditioning a city-owned building for museum
21 purposes and installing historical exhibits on
22 Davidson's Fort therein2,500.00

23 Provided, this appropriation shall revert to the General Fund if the restoration of Davidson's
24 Fort is not approved by the Historic Sites Commission.

25 **Sec. 2.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

26 **Sec. 3.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

27 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 17th day of June,
28 1965.