

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 624

Short Title: Martin Luther King, Jr. Comm.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Kennedy; Barnhill, Blue, Bowman, Burke, Cunningham, Edwards, Fitch, Gist, Hardaway, H. Hunter, Jeralds, Michaux, and S. Thompson.

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Referred to: Rules.

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March 15, 1989

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY  
3 COMMISSION.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. Article 9 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by  
6 adding the following new Part:

7 **“PART 28. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**  
8 **“§ 143B-426.32. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission – creation; powers**  
9 **and duties.**

10 There is hereby created the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission of the  
11 Department of Administration. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission shall  
12 have the following functions and duties:

- 13 (1) To encourage appropriate ceremonies and activities throughout the  
14 State relating to the observance of the legal holiday honoring Martin  
15 Luther King, Jr.'s birthday;  
16 (2) To provide advice and assistance to local governments and private  
17 organizations across the State with respect to the observance of such  
18 holiday; and  
19 (3) To promote among the people of North Carolina an awareness and  
20 appreciation of the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr.

21 **“§ 143B-426.33. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission – members;**  
22 **selection; quorum; compensation.**

1       (a) The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission of the Department of  
2 Administration shall consist of 16 members. The Governor shall appoint one member  
3 from each of the 11 congressional districts, plus one member at large, including the  
4 chairperson. The North Carolina House of Representatives, upon the advice of the  
5 Speaker, shall appoint two members to the Commission. The North Carolina Senate,  
6 upon the advice of the Lieutenant Governor, shall appoint two members to the  
7 Commission. The terms of four of the members appointed by the Governor shall expire  
8 June 30, 1993. The terms of four of the members appointed by the Governor shall  
9 expire June 30, 1992. The terms of four of the members appointed by the Governor  
10 shall expire June 30, 1990. The terms of the members appointed by the North Carolina  
11 House of Representatives shall expire June 30, 1991. The terms of the members  
12 appointed by the North Carolina Senate shall expire June 30, 1991. At the end of the  
13 respective terms of office of the initial members of the Commission, the appointment of  
14 their successors shall be for terms of four years. No member of the Commission shall  
15 serve more than two consecutive terms. A member having served two consecutive  
16 terms shall be eligible for reappointment one year after the expiration of his second  
17 term. Any appointment to fill a vacancy on the Commission created by the resignation,  
18 dismissal, death, or disability of a member shall be filled in the manner of the original  
19 appointment for the unexpired term.

20       (b) A majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of  
21 business.

22       (c) Members of the Commission shall be reimbursed for necessary travel and  
23 subsistence expenses as authorized by G.S. 138-5. Members of the Commission who  
24 are State officials or employees shall be reimbursed as authorized by G.S. 138-6 or G.S.  
25 120-3.1, as appropriate."

26               Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.