

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**  
**RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2007-68**  
**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1573**

A JOINT RESOLUTION SETTING THE TIME FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE  
2007 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO MEET IN 2008 AND LIMITING THE  
SUBJECTS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED IN THAT SESSION.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

**SECTION 1.** When the Senate and the House of Representatives adjourn on Thursday, August 2, 2007, they stand adjourned to reconvene on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at 12:00 noon.

**SECTION 2.** During the regular session that reconvenes on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, only the following matters may be considered:

- (1) Bills directly and primarily affecting the State budget, including the budget of an occupational licensing board, for fiscal year 2008-2009, provided that the bill must be submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office no later than 4:00 P.M. Friday, May 16, 2008, and must be introduced in the House of Representatives or filed for introduction in the Senate no later than 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 27, 2008.
- (2) Bills amending the Constitution of North Carolina.
- (3) Bills and resolutions introduced in 2007 and having passed third reading in 2007 in the house in which introduced, received in the other house in accordance with Senate Rule 41 or House Rule 31.1(d) as appropriate, and not disposed of in the other house by tabling, unfavorable committee report, indefinite postponement, or failure to pass any reading, and which do not violate the rules of the receiving house.
- (4) Bills and resolutions implementing the recommendations of:
  - a. Study commissions, authorities, and statutory commissions authorized or directed to report to the 2008 Session;
  - b. The General Statutes Commission, the Courts Commission, or any commission created under Chapter 120 of the General Statutes that is authorized or directed to report to the General Assembly;
  - c. The House Ethics Committee;
  - d. Select committees; or
  - e. The Joint Legislative Ethics Committee or its Advisory Subcommittee.

A bill authorized by this subdivision must be submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 14, 2008, and must be filed for introduction in the Senate or introduced in the House of Representatives no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 21, 2008.

- (5) Any local bill that has been submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office by 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 21, 2008, is introduced in the House of Representatives or filed for introduction in the Senate by 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 28, 2008,

and is accompanied by a certificate signed by the principal sponsor stating that no public hearing will be required or asked for by a member on the bill, the bill is noncontroversial, and that the bill is approved for introduction by each member of the House of Representatives and Senate whose district includes the area to which the bill applies.

- (6) Selection, appointment, or confirmation of members of State boards and commissions as required by law, including the filling of vacancies of positions for which the appointees were elected by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, or President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- (7) Any matter authorized by joint resolution passed during the 2008 Regular Session by a two-thirds majority of the members of the House of Representatives present and voting and by a two-thirds majority of the members of the Senate present and voting. A bill or resolution filed in either house under the provisions of this subdivision shall have a copy of the ratified enabling resolution attached to the jacket before filing for introduction in the Senate or introduction in the House of Representatives.
- (8) A joint resolution authorizing the introduction of a bill pursuant to subdivision (6) of this section.
- (9) Any bills primarily affecting any State or local pension or retirement system, provided that the bill has been submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 21, 2008, and is introduced in the House of Representatives or filed for introduction in the Senate no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 28, 2008.
- (10) Joint resolutions, House resolutions, and Senate resolutions authorized for introduction under Senate Rule 40(b) or House Rule 31.
- (11) A joint resolution adjourning the 2007 Regular Session, sine die.
- (12) Bills to disapprove rules under G.S. 150B-21.3.

**SECTION 3.** A bill containing no substantive provisions may not be introduced in the House of Representatives during the 2008 Regular Session.

**SECTION 4.** The Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate may authorize appropriate committees or subcommittees of their respective houses to meet during the interims between sessions to:

- (1) Review matters related to the State budget for the 2007-2009 biennium,
- (2) Prepare reports, including revised budgets, or
- (3) Consider any other matters as the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate deems appropriate, except that no committee or subcommittee of a house may consider, after the date of adjournment provided in Section 1 of this resolution and before the date of reconvening provided in Section 2 of this resolution, any bill, or proposed committee substitute for such bill, which originated in the other house. A conference committee may meet in the interim upon approval by the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

**SECTION 5.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.  
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of  
August, 2007.

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Charlie S. Dannelly  
Deputy President Pro Tempore of the Senate

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Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives