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Short Title: Indian Tribe Recognition. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives C. Graham, Boles, and T. Moore (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTORY PROVISIONS RECOGNIZING THE INDIAN
3 TRIBES OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE ALL STATE-RECOGNIZED TRIBES
4 WITH UNIFORM RECOGNITION.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 71A-3 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 71A-3. Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina; rights, privileges, immunities, obligations**
8 **and duties.**

9 The Indians now residing in Robeson and adjoining counties of North Carolina, originally
10 found by the first white settlers on the Lumbee River in Robeson County, and claiming joint
11 descent from remnants of early American Colonists and certain tribes of Indians originally
12 inhabiting the coastal regions of North Carolina, who have previously been known as "Croatan
13 Indians," "Indians of Robeson County," and "Cherokee Indians of Robeson County," shall,
14 from and after April 20, 1953, be designated and officially recognized as Lumbee Tribe of
15 North Carolina and shall continue to enjoy all rights, privileges and immunities enjoyed by
16 them as citizens of the State as now provided by law, and shall continue to be subject to all the
17 obligations and duties of citizens under the law they shall continue to enjoy all their rights,
18 privileges, and immunities as an American Indian Tribe with a recognized tribal governing
19 body carrying out and exercising substantial governmental duties and powers similar to the
20 State, being recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United
21 States to Indians because of their status as Indians."

22 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 71A-4 reads as rewritten:

23 "**§ 71A-4. Waccamaw Siouan Tribe of North Carolina; rights, privileges, immunities,**
24 **obligations and duties.**

25 The Indians now living in Bladen and Columbus and adjoining counties of North Carolina,
26 originally found by the first white settlers in the region of the Cape Fear River, Lake
27 Waccamaw, and the Waccamaw Indians, a Siouan Tribe which inhabited the areas surrounding
28 the Waccamaw, Pee Dee, and Lumber Rivers in North and South Carolina, shall, from and after
29 July 20, 1971, be designated and officially recognized as the Waccamaw Siouan Tribe of North
30 Carolina and shall continue to enjoy all their rights, privileges and immunities as citizens of the
31 State as now or hereafter provided by law, and shall continue to be subject to all the obligations
32 and duties of citizens under the law they shall continue to enjoy all their rights, privileges, and
33 immunities as an American Indian Tribe with a recognized tribal governing body carrying out
34 and exercising substantial governmental duties and powers similar to the State, being
35 recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to
36 Indians because of their status as Indians."



1 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 71A-6 reads as rewritten:

2 "**§ 71A-6. Coharie Tribe of North Carolina; rights, privileges, immunities, obligations**
3 **and duties.**

4 The Indians now living in Harnett and Sampson and adjoining counties of North Carolina,
5 originally found by the first white settlers on the Coharie River in Sampson County, and
6 claiming descent from certain tribes of Indians originally inhabiting the coastal regions of
7 North Carolina, shall, from and after July 20, 1971, be designated and officially recognized as
8 the Coharie Tribe of North Carolina and ~~shall continue to enjoy all their rights, privileges and~~
9 ~~immunities as citizens of the State as now or hereafter provided by law, and shall continue to be~~
10 ~~subject to all the obligations and duties of citizens under the law, they shall continue to enjoy all~~
11 their rights, privileges, and immunities as an American Indian Tribe with a recognized tribal
12 governing body carrying out and exercising substantial governmental duties and powers similar
13 to the State, being recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the
14 United States to Indians because of their status as Indians."

15 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 71A-7 reads as rewritten:

16 "**§ 71A-7. The Sappony; rights, privileges, immunities, obligations, and duties.**

17 The Indian Tribe now residing in Person County, officially recognized as the Indians of
18 Person County by Chapter 22 of the Public-Local Laws of 1913, who are descendants of those
19 Indians living in Person County for whom the High Plains Indian School was established, shall,
20 from and after February 3, 1913, be designated and officially recognized as Sappony, and ~~shall~~
21 ~~continue to enjoy all their rights, privileges, and immunities as citizens of the State as now or~~
22 ~~hereafter provided by law, and shall continue to be subject to all the obligations and duties of~~
23 ~~citizens under the law, they shall continue to enjoy all their rights, privileges, and immunities as~~
24 an American Indian Tribe with a recognized tribal governing body carrying out and exercising
25 substantial governmental duties and powers similar to the State, being recognized as eligible for
26 the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their
27 status as Indians."

28 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 71A-7.1 reads as rewritten:

29 "**§ 71A-7.1. Meherrin Tribe of North Carolina; rights, privileges, immunities, obligations**
30 **and duties.**

31 The Indians now residing in small communities in Hertford, Bertie, Gates, and
32 Northampton Counties, who in 1726 were granted reservational lands at the mouth of the
33 Meherrin River in the vicinity of present-day Parker's Ferry near Winton in Hertford County,
34 and who are of the same linguistic stock as the Cherokee, Tuscarora, and other tribes of the
35 Iroquois Confederacy of New York and Canada, shall, from and after July 20, 1971, be
36 designated and officially recognized as the Meherrin Tribe of North Carolina, and ~~shall~~
37 ~~continue to enjoy all their rights, privileges, and immunities as citizens of the State as now or~~
38 ~~hereafter provided by law, and shall continue to be subject to all the obligations and duties of~~
39 ~~citizens under the law, they shall continue to enjoy all their rights, privileges, and immunities as~~
40 an American Indian Tribe with a recognized tribal governing body carrying out and exercising
41 substantial governmental duties and powers similar to the State, being recognized as eligible for
42 the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their
43 status as Indians."

44 **SECTION 6.** G.S. 71A-7.2 reads as rewritten:

45 "**§ 71A-7.2. Occaneechi Band of Saponi Nation in North Carolina; rights, privileges,**
46 **immunities, obligations and duties.**

47 The Indians now living primarily in the old settlement of Little Texas in Pleasant Grove
48 Township, Alamance County, who are lineal descendants of the Saponi and related Indians
49 who occupied the Piedmont of North Carolina and Virginia in precontact times, and
50 specifically of those Saponi and related Indians who formally became tributary to Virginia
51 under the Treaties of Middle Plantation in 1677 and 1680, and who under the subsequent treaty

1 of 1713 with the Colony of Virginia agreed to join together as a single community, shall, from
2 and after July 20, 1971, be designated and officially recognized as the Occaneechi Band of the
3 Saponi Nation of North Carolina, and ~~shall continue to enjoy all their rights, privileges, and~~
4 ~~immunities as citizens of the State as now or hereafter provided by law, and shall continue to be~~
5 subject to all the obligations and duties of citizens under the law; they shall continue to enjoy all
6 their rights, privileges, and immunities as an American Indian Tribe with a recognized tribal
7 governing body carrying out and exercising substantial governmental duties and powers similar
8 to the State, being recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the
9 United States to Indians because of their status as Indians."

10 **SECTION 7.** This act is effective when it becomes law.