

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 92*

Short Title: Increase Nonresident Search Fee. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Jeffus, Barefoot (Primary Sponsors); and Wainwright.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

February 12, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES TO
2 INCREASE THE FEE CHARGED NONRESIDENTS FOR SEARCHES OF
3 ARCHIVED PUBLIC RECORDS.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 121-5(d) reads as rewritten:

7 “(d) Preservation of Permanently Valuable Records. – Public records certified by
8 the Department of Cultural Resources as being of permanent value shall be preserved in
9 the custody of the agency in which the records are normally kept or of the North
10 Carolina State Archives. Any State, county, municipal, or other public official is hereby
11 authorized and empowered to turn over to the Department of Cultural Resources any
12 State, county, municipal, or other public records no longer in current official use, and
13 the Department of Cultural Resources is authorized in its discretion to accept such
14 records, and having done so shall provide for their administration and preservation in
15 the North Carolina State Archives. When such records have been thus surrendered,
16 photocopies, microfilms, typescripts, or other copies of them shall be made and certified
17 under seal of the Department, upon application of any person, which certification shall
18 have the same force and effect as if made by the official or agency by which the records
19 were transferred to the Department of Cultural Resources; and the Department may
20 charge reasonable fees for such copies. The Department may answer written inquiries
21 for nonresidents of North Carolina and for such service charge a search and handling fee
22 not to exceed ~~ten dollars (\$10.00),~~ twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), the receipts from which
23 fee shall be used to defray the cost of providing such service.”

24 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.