

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1107

Short Title: Set IC Administrator Pay/Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Rand; Ballance, Cooper, Dalton, Gulley, Hartsell, Kerr, Kinnaird, Miller, Odom, and Wellons.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 13, 1998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT SETTING BY STATUTE THE SALARIES OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
3 AND THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
4 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO
5 IMPLEMENT THOSE SALARIES.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. G.S. 97-78 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 97-78. Salaries and expenses; ~~secretary and other clerical~~ administrator, executive**
9 **secretary, and other staff assistance; annual report.**

10 (a) The salary of each commissioner shall be the same as that fixed from time to
11 time for district attorneys except that the commissioner designated as chair shall receive
12 one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) additional per annum.

13 (b) The Commission may appoint an administrator whose duties shall be
14 prescribed by the Commission, and who shall be subject to the State Personnel System,
15 and who may be removed at the will of the Commission. The Commission may appoint a
16 an executive secretary whose duties shall be prescribed by the Commission, and who
17 shall be subject to the State Personnel System and who, upon entering upon his duties,
18 shall give bond in such sum as may be fixed by the Commission, and who may be
19 removed at the will of the Commission. The Commission may also employ such clerical

1 or other assistance as it may deem necessary, and fix the compensation of ~~all persons so~~
2 ~~employed, such compensation to its staff, except that the salaries of the administrator and~~
3 ~~the executive secretary shall be fixed by subsection (b1) of this section. The~~
4 compensation of Commission staff shall be in keeping with the compensation paid to the
5 persons employed to do similar work in other State departments.

6 (b1) The salary of the administrator shall be ninety percent (90%) of the salary of a
7 commissioner. The salary of the executive secretary shall be eighty percent (80%) of the
8 salary of a commissioner. In lieu of merit and other incremental raises, the administrator
9 and the executive secretary shall receive longevity pay on the same basis as is provided to
10 other employees subject to the State Personnel Act.

11 (c) The members of the Commission and its assistants shall be entitled to receive
12 from the State their actual and necessary expenses while traveling on the business of the
13 Commission, but such expenses shall be certified by the person who incurred the same,
14 and shall be approved by the chairman of the Commission before payment is made.

15 (d) All salaries and expenses of the Commission shall be audited and paid out of
16 the State treasury, in the manner prescribed for similar expenses in other departments or
17 branches of the State service, and to defray such salaries and expenses a sufficient
18 appropriation shall be made under the General Appropriation Act as made to other
19 departments, commissions and agencies of the State government.

20 (e) The Commission shall publish annually for free distribution a report of the
21 administration of this Article, together with such recommendations as the Commission
22 deems advisable."

23 Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
24 Commerce the sum of thirty-six thousand seven hundred fifty-four dollars (\$36,754) for
25 the 1998-99 fiscal year to implement the Industrial Commission staff salaries authorized
26 by Section 1 of this act.

27 Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1998.