

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1356

Short Title: Modify Boone Tourism Authority.

(Local)

Sponsors: Senator Foxx.

Referred to: State Government, Local Government and Personnel.

May 27, 1998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOONE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Section 2 of Chapter 170 of the 1987 Session Laws reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 2. Tourism Development Authority. (a) Appointment and membership. When the town council adopts a resolution levying a room occupancy tax under this act, it shall also adopt a resolution creating the Boone Tourism Development Authority, which shall be a public authority under the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The Authority shall be composed of ~~seven~~nine voting members appointed by the Boone Town Council as follows:

(1) ~~Two residents of Boone~~Three individuals who are owners or operators of ~~hotels, motels, or other taxable tourist accommodations;~~accommodations in Boone, one of whom resides in Boone and two of whom reside in Watauga County.

(2) ~~Two residents of Boone who have demonstrated an interest in tourism development and who do not own or operate hotels, motels, or other taxable tourist accommodations;~~One resident of Watauga County who owns or operates a restaurant in Boone.

- 1 (3) Two residents of Boone who are members of the Boone Area Chamber
2 of ~~Commerree; and~~ Commerce.
3 (4) One member of the Boone Town Council.
4 (5) Two residents of the Town of Boone.

5 The Finance Officer for the Town of Boone shall be the ex officio finance officer of the
6 Authority but shall not be a member of the authority.

7 The members of the Authority shall serve without compensation and shall serve for a
8 term of three years, except that the town council shall designate three of the initial
9 appointees to serve two-year terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as
10 original appointments and members appointed to fill vacancies shall serve for the
11 remainder of the unexpired term. The Authority shall elect from its membership a chair;
12 the Authority shall meet at the call of the chair and shall adopt rules of procedure to
13 govern its meetings.

14 (b) Powers and duties. The Authority may contract with any person, firm, or
15 organization to advise it and assist it in carrying out its duty to promote travel, tourism,
16 and conventions for the Town of Boone.

17 (c) Reports. The Authority shall report quarterly and at the close of the fiscal year
18 to the town council on its receipts and expenditures for the preceding quarter and for the
19 year in such detail as the Council may require."

20 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.