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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR45383-MM-104D\*

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Sponsors: Senator Rabon (Primary Sponsor).

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE 2019  
2 GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNTIL A DATE CERTAIN AND LIMITING THE MATTERS  
3 THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** When the House of Representatives and the Senate jointly adjourn the  
6 session convened on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, they stand adjourned to reconvene on Tuesday,  
7 April 28, 2020, at 12:00 noon.

8 **SECTION 2.** During the regular session that reconvenes on Tuesday, April 28, 2020,  
9 only the following matters may be considered:

10 (1) Bills:

11 a. Directly and primarily affecting the State budget, including the budget  
12 of an occupational licensing board for fiscal year 2020-2021.

13 b. Primarily affecting any State or local pension or retirement system.

14 A bill authorized by this subdivision must be submitted to the Legislative  
15 Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office no later than 4:00 P.M.  
16 Friday, May 1, 2020, and must be introduced in the House of Representatives  
17 or filed for introduction in the Senate no later than 4:00 P.M. Thursday, May  
18 14, 2020.

19 (2) Bills and resolutions implementing the recommendations of:

20 a. Study committees or commissions, authorities, and statutory  
21 committees or commissions authorized or directed to report to the  
22 2020 Regular Session of the 2019 General Assembly.

23 b. The General Statutes Commission, the Courts Commission, or any  
24 committee or commission created under Chapter 120 of the General  
25 Statutes that is authorized or directed to report to the General  
26 Assembly.

27 c. The House Ethics Committee.

28 d. Select committees.

29 e. The Joint Legislative Ethics Committee.

30 A bill authorized by this subdivision must be submitted to the Legislative  
31 Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office no later than 4:00 P.M.  
32 Thursday, April 30, 2020, and must be filed for introduction in the Senate or  
33 introduced in the House of Representatives no later than 4:00 P.M.  
34 Wednesday, May 13, 2020.

35 (3) Any local bill that has been submitted to the Legislative Drafting Division of  
36 the Legislative Services Office by 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 5, 2020, is  
37 introduced in the House of Representatives or filed for introduction in the



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- 1 Senate by 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 19, 2020, and is accompanied by a  
2 certificate signed by the principal sponsor stating that (i) no public hearing  
3 will be required or asked for by a member on the bill, (ii) the bill is  
4 noncontroversial, and (iii) the bill is approved for introduction by each  
5 member of the House of Representatives and the Senate whose district  
6 includes the area to which the bill applies.
- 7 (4) Bills providing for one or more of the following and containing no other  
8 matter:
- 9 a. Amendments to the North Carolina Constitution.  
10 b. Statutory amendments and transitional changes to implement  
11 proposed amendments to the North Carolina Constitution.
- 12 (5) Bills and resolutions that meet all of the following requirements:
- 13 a. Were introduced in 2019.  
14 b. Passed third reading in 2019 in the house in which introduced.  
15 c. Received in the other house in accordance with Senate Rule 41 or  
16 House Rule 31.1(h), as appropriate.  
17 d. Were not disposed of in the other house by tabling, unfavorable  
18 committee report, indefinite postponement, or failure to pass any  
19 reading.  
20 e. Do not violate the rules of the receiving house.
- 21 (6) Bills providing for action on appointments by the General Assembly pursuant  
22 to G.S. 120-121 or providing for the selection, election, appointment, or  
23 confirmation, including the filling of vacancies, by one or both houses as  
24 required by law.
- 25 (7) Bills providing for action on gubernatorial nominations or appointments.
- 26 (8) Any matter authorized by joint resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of  
27 the members of the House of Representatives present and voting and by a  
28 two-thirds majority of the members of the Senate present and voting. A bill or  
29 resolution filed in either house under the provisions of this subdivision shall  
30 have a copy of the ratified enabling resolution attached to the jacket before  
31 filing for introduction.
- 32 (9) A joint resolution authorizing the introduction of a bill pursuant to subdivision  
33 (8) of this section.
- 34 (10) Joint resolutions and simple resolutions authorized for introduction under  
35 Senate Rule 40.1 or House Rule 31.
- 36 (11) Bills returned by the Governor with objections under Section 22 of Article II  
37 of the North Carolina Constitution.
- 38 (12) Bills responding to litigation challenging the legality of legislative  
39 enactments.
- 40 (13) Any bills relating to election laws.
- 41 (14) Bills to disapprove rules under G.S. 150B-21.3.
- 42 (15) Bills providing for impeachment pursuant to Article IV of the North Carolina  
43 Constitution or Chapter 123 of the General Statutes.
- 44 (16) Bills revising or establishing districts for any elected federal, State, or local  
45 office.
- 46 (17) A joint resolution doing one or more of the following:
- 47 a. Further adjourning the 2019 Regular Session to a date certain.  
48 b. Amending a joint resolution adjourning the 2019 Regular Session to a  
49 date certain.  
50 c. Adjourning the 2019 Regular Session, sine die.

1           **SECTION 3.** The Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President Pro  
2 Tempore of the Senate may authorize appropriate committees or subcommittees of their  
3 respective houses to meet during the interims between sessions to (i) review matters related to  
4 the State budget for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium, (ii) prepare reports, including revised  
5 budgets, or (iii) consider any other matters as the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the  
6 President Pro Tempore of the Senate deems appropriate. A conference committee may meet in  
7 the interim upon approval by the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President Pro  
8 Tempore of the Senate.

9           **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.