



# Government Relations Update

North Carolina Association of County Commissioners

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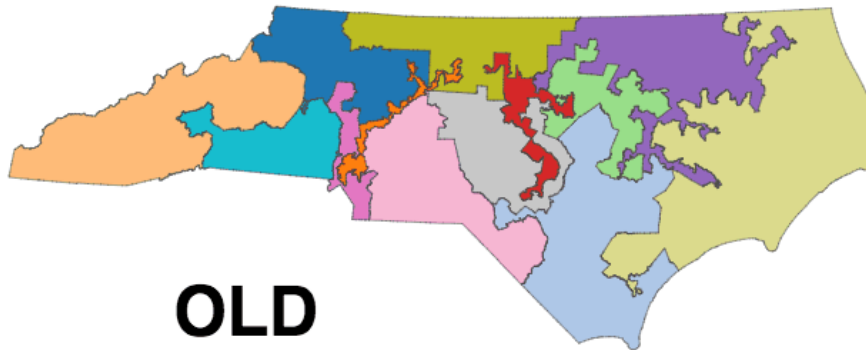
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# Special Session Redistricting

## Timeline for Redistricting Special Session

- February 5: US District Court directed NCGA to redraw 2<sup>nd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional Districts by February 19
- February 15, 16 and 17: While waiting for a US Supreme Court stay, NCGA held hearings across the state to discuss new map criteria and seek public input
- February 18: NCGA formally reconvened for a special session on redistricting and met throughout the day to debate new maps
- February 19: NCGA approved new US Congressional district maps



**OLD**



# Special Session Redistricting

## June 7 Second Primary

- While working on new maps, the General Assembly approved separate legislation moving the US Congressional primaries to June 7 while eliminating primary runoffs
- Candidate filing for the new US Congressional districts reopened March 16

## Second Primary Costs

- The State Board of Elections answered questions on costs of a second primary citing just under \$10M statewide
- SBOE noted that counties had to budget for a primary runoff, but many counties were unprepared for a second primary



# Special Session

## City of Charlotte Ordinance

### House Bill 2, Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act

- Prohibits local governments from enacting anti-discrimination regulations
- Creates a statewide law that bans discrimination based on "race, religion, color, national origin or biological sex"
- Directs all public schools and government agencies to require bathrooms or locker rooms be designated for use based on biological sex
- Restricts local governments from regulating employment practices





# Looking ahead to 2016

- Returning Mon, April 25, 2016, 7:00PM
- Official purpose is to make adjustments to the budget
- Focus less on substantive legislation (policy changes)
- What's eligible?
  - Money bills – raise revenue or spend funds
  - Bills crossed over
  - Local bills
  - Bills originating in study committees
  - Constitutional amendments
- What does this mean for counties?
  - All 45 goals remain, but we need smaller, more focused agenda





# NCACC

## 2016 Short Session Priorities



- **PE-4** - Seek legislation to repeal the statutory authorized under NCGS 115C-431 (c) that allows local school boards to file suit against a county board of commissioners over county appropriations for education.
- **TF-4** - Seek legislation to authorize local option revenue sources already given to any other jurisdiction.
- **GG-2** - Support legislation, regulations and funding that would preserve local option and authority where needed to deploy community broadband systems and ensure community access to critical broadband services.