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 Joel Ford [joelford@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 4:19 PM
To: [Steve Johnston \[sjohnston@tueforumct.org\]](mailto:sjohnston@tueforumct.org)

Joel Ford
 Please forgive any typos as this message was sent from my iPad
 Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jackie Ray (Sen. Joel Ford)" <Fordjla@ncleg.net>
Date: March 2, 2016 at 4:06:52 PM EST
To: ""joelford@gmail.com"" <joelford@gmail.com>
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Greetings Constituents and Friends,

The Legislative interim period continues to move forward with various committee meetings that will meet until the next Legislative Short Session begins on April 25th. The work on these interim committees is important and will continue to directly impact North Carolina families through economic development, education, health services, transportation, etc.

Although North Carolina's economy has shown improvement, the jobless and unemployment rate continues to be slow for working class citizens, and particularly stagnant for minorities. Read more [here](#). This continues to be a problem, and I believe our main focus in this legislature, at this time, should be building the business climate to create good-paying jobs for all those seeking employment in order to support themselves and their families. I remain committed to advocating for strong economic development.

As always, please continue to refer to the North Carolina General Assembly (NCGA) www.ncleg.net/, to track information on committee meetings, bill status, legislative updates, etc. The North Carolina state government website, www.ncgov.com, is helpful for in-depth information regarding our state resources. Please feel free to forward this newsletter to your family and friends so they can stay in the loop as to what is going on in Raleigh. Feel free to send us their contact information so we can add them to our Newsletter listserv!

*****LEGISLATIVE UPDATES/INFORMATION*****

Redistricting - On February 5, 2016, a three-judge panel for the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina ruled that North Carolina's Congressional Districts 1 and 12 were unconstitutionally drawn citing that size and composition were predominate factors in drawing these districts. The Court ordered the NCGA to draw new congressional districts by February 19, 2016. Below is North Carolina's redrawn map.

http://www.ncleg.net/GIS/Download/District_Plans/DB_2016/Congress/CCP16_Corrected/CCP16_Corrected_11x17.pdf

The U.S. Supreme Court refused a stay regarding the timing of the newly drawn Congressional districts forcing new primary elections. [H.B.2/ S.L. 2016-2 - 2016 US House of Representatives Primary](#) passed to modify the timing of the primary election contests for all U.S. House of Representatives seats in 2016 and eliminates second primaries for the 2016 election cycle only. Other modifications include:

- The U.S. House primary will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2016.
- The filing period for the U.S. House primary will open at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, and close at

12:00 noon on Friday, March 25, 2016.

- Only persons affiliated with a party for at least 75 days as of the date of that person filing the notice of candidacy will be eligible to file as a candidate on that party's U.S. House primary.
- A candidate certified as a winner of both a March 15th primary election and a June 7th primary election must withdraw the notice of candidacy for one of those races no later than one week after the certification of both primary election results.
- A candidate who filed for a U.S. House primary before H.B. 2 is effective will be entitled to the return of that candidate's filing fee.

Note that [Section 2 of H.B. 373/S.L. 2015-258](#) moved the 2016 primary election date to March 15, 2016. This primary date remains in effect for all primaries except for the current U.S. House election contest.

I strongly urge you to review your voting ballot early and be aware of changes! Please check with your local Board of Elections for questions related to voting deadlines, absentee ballots, etc.

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Interim Committees- Below is a listing of my current interim committee assignments. Refer to the NCGA website for additional committee information, <http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/Committees/Committees.asp#hideNonStanding>

Senator Joel Ford	
2016 Legislative Interim Committee Assignments	
Committee Name	Meeting Date
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Capital Improvements	2-10-2016
Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations	TBA
Committee on Regulatory and Rate Issues in Insurance – LRC 2015	TBA
Revenue Laws Study Committee	3-08-2016
Committee on Barriers to Small Business Access to Credit and Capital – LRC 2015	TBA
Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee	3-04-2016
Joint Select Committee on Congressio	