

Senator Joyce Waddell's May 24, 2017, Newsletter

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***Dear Friends:***

On Monday, the Supreme Court ruled that District 1 and District 12 of North Carolina's congressional maps were unconstitutionally drawn with racial bias. The Supreme Court ruled 8-0 to strike down the District 1 map and 5-3 to toss out the District 12 map. The decision affirmed the ruling of the lower courts which ordered the General Assembly to redraw the Congressional districts in 2016. The 1st Congressional District covers the northeastern part of North Carolina. The 12th Congressional District is located in the western and central parts of the state, including Charlotte and Winston-Salem.

In another ruling issued on May 15, the Supreme Court refused to revive a restrictive North Carolina voting law that a federal appeals court in Richmond pinned on the state as an unconstitutional effort to target African-Americans and suppress their vote. In 2013, the appeals court ruled five parts of the Voting Rights Act Law: photo ID requirements, a rollback of early voting from 17 to 10 days, elimination of same-day registration and preregistration of some teenagers, and its ban on counting votes cast in the wrong precinct.

In July 2016, a panel of three federal judges from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit deemed North Carolina's Voter ID Law unconstitutional. The court found that all five restrictions unduly affected African-Americans. Unfortunately, legislative Republicans have repeatedly sought to limit access to voting along racial lines and rig elections for political gain. Governor Cooper and Attorney General Stein made the right decision in withdrawing from the state's appeal of this discriminatory legislation.

*I cannot achieve anything without the support of my constituents.
 Thank you very much for your continued support!*

Please continue to refer to the North Carolina General Assembly website www.ncleg.net. You will be able to track legislation, sign up for committee notices, and review the citizen's guide.

I encourage you to contact us with your thoughts, comments, or suggestions. Please feel free to have others join in on conversation by sending contact information to Joyce.Waddell@ncleg.net.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Legislative Update

- [Allow Restaurants to Use Outdoor Grills \(Senate Bill 24\)](#) – Currently, restaurants are not allowed to serve food using an outdoor grill. This legislation would allow food establishments to use outdoor grills for food preparation if the following conditions are met:
 - The grill is located on the premises and is continuously supervised by an employee while in use.
 - The cooking surface is stainless steel or cast iron, meets sanitation requirements, and is on a concrete or asphalt foundation.
 - The grill is not operated within 10 feet of combustible construction.
 - All open food and utensils have overhead protection.
 - The grill is kept in an enclosed area when not in operation.
 - The grill and foundation are cleaned daily on days that it is used.
 - Raw meat, poultry and fish are prepared in a pre-portioned or ready-to-cook form and may only be handled with utensils at the outdoor grill.
 - Food prepared on the grill must be processed inside the permitted establishment.

Senate Bill 24 passed the House and Senate unanimously. The Governor signed the bill into law on May 23, 2017.

- [Law Enforcement Authority/Custody of Child \(Senate Bill 53\)](#) – This legislation would authorize a law enforcement officer to obtain custody of a child upon determination by the court that the child is in danger. The bill would require a temporary custody order be accompanied by a warrant to take the child into custody. It would authorize officers to execute the warrant to take custody of the child without further verification of the order if it appears regular and complete on its face. It would also provide civil and criminal protection for an officer executing the court's warrant to take custody of the child. I voted in support of this legislation. Senate Bill 53 passed the House and Senate. The Governor signed the bill into law on May 23, 2017.

- [QZAB Use Modification \(Senate Bill 468\)](#) – This legislation amends the proposed conditions for the usage of funds allocated under the Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) program to further prioritize distribution to schools where 75% or more of the school's students are eligible for free or reduced lunch under the federal lunch program. Senate Bill 468 would expand the purposes for which QZABS may be issued to include all the permissible uses of a QZAB allocation under federal law. Those additional purposes would include, in addition to rehabilitation or repairing of a school facility, equipment, course materials, and teacher training. Senate Bill 468 passed the Senate unanimously on May 12, 2017. It will be sent to the House for further review.

- [Streamline Dam Removal \(Senate Bill 107\)](#) – Senate Bill 107 would amend State law on dam removal to expedite the removal process under certain circumstances.
 - Section 1 would establish a fee for a professionally supervised dam removal of \$500.00 and make other conforming changes.
 - Section 2 would provide that, except as required by federal law, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will not require mitigation for impacts associated with the removal of a dam that is done in compliance with State law. Section 2 would also direct DEQ to develop a water quality certification that would allow short term sediment releases associated with a professionally supervised dam removal if the sediment to be released has a similar or lower levels of contamination

than the sediment downstream of the dam.

- Section 3 would provide that for purposes of implementing professionally supervised dam removals the height of a dam is measured from the lowest point on the crest of the dam to the lowest point on the downstream toe.
- Section 4 would direct DEQ and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to jointly study the dam removal process in North Carolina and recommend further changes in statutes or rules to reduce the regulatory barriers to the removal of obsolete and unwanted dams and consolidate duplicative permit processes. The Departments would jointly report the results of the study to the Environmental Review Commission no later than March 1, 2020.

Senate Bill 107 passed the Senate unanimously on May 11, 2017. It will be sent to the House for further review.

- **Clarify HUT & Improve Vehicle Titling Process (Senate Bill 326/House Bill 421)** – Senate Bill 326 would clarify the application of the highway use tax to out-of-state vehicles titled in this State, and it would eliminate duplicative and unnecessary information on an application for a motor vehicle title.
 - Section 1 of the bill clarifies that the highway use tax applies to out-of-state vehicles when they are first titled in this State, with the exception of certain vehicles listed below, subject to a cap of \$250.
 - Section 2 of the bill eliminates duplicative and unnecessary statements on an application for a motor vehicle title. The statements are about the vehicle owner's eligibility for liability insurance for the vehicle.
 - Subsection (a) of this section deletes the provisions that impose the requirements to provide statements about whether the vehicle owner is an eligible risk for insurance purposes.
 - Subsection (b) amends the statute that lists the requirements for titling and registering a vehicle to include a cross reference to the basic requirement that the owner have liability insurance.
 - Subsection (c) makes conforming changes to statutes that now refer to the provisions that are repealed by subsection (a).

Senate Bill 326 passed the Senate unanimously on May 11, 2017. It was sent to the House Committee on Finance for further review.

At the General Assembly



Korbin Cummings had a valuable learning experience serving as a Senate Page at the North Carolina General Assembly. She assisted Senators and staff of the Senate by participating in daily sessions, committee meetings, and performing other duties.

May 22, 2017

In Charlotte, NC



Senator Joyce Waddell and Cozzie Watkins, the Chair of the 12th Congressional District Democratic Party. Senator Waddell gives an update on legislative matters in the Senate at the 12th Congressional District Convention at Little Rock AME Zion Church.

May 20, 2017

The County News



Senator Joyce Waddell's Introduced and Co-Sponsored Legislation

Bill	Short Title	Action	Date	Action Text
S21	DL Restoration/DWI Treatment Court.	S	02/02/2017	Re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Finance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
S25	Repeal HB2.	S	02/02/2017	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S43 (= H70)	SOG Pilot Project Standards/PED.	S	02/08/2017	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S44 (= H22)	BOR/Independent Staff/Data	S	02/08/2017	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

	Tracking.		
*S52	40th Senatorial District Local Act-1.	S	02/08/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
*S54 (= H58)	Charlotte Firefighters' Retirement System.	S	04/27/2017 Re-ref to Pensions and Retirement and Aging. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
S82 (= H59)	Revenue Laws Technical Changes.	S	02/16/2017 Re-ref to Finance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
S83	Raise Awareness of Lupus.	S	02/15/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S84 (= H82)	Equality For All/Repeal HB2.	S	02/15/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S85 (= H102)	NC Adopt Equal Rights Amendment.	S	02/15/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S88	Landlord/Tenant-Alias & Pluries Summary Eject.	H	04/13/2017 Serial Referral To Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House Added
S89 (= H17)	Office of State Auditor/Corrective Action/PED.	S	02/15/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S93 (= H107)	Common Sense Compromise to Repeal HB 2.	S	02/16/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S111 (= H18)	State Agencies Must Use eProcurement/PED.	S	02/20/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S124	LEO Managed CBD Oil Drop Box.	H	04/13/2017 Serial Referral To Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House Added
S125	Children of Wartime Veterans Modifications.	H	03/23/2017 Ref to the Com on Education - Universities, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
S128 (= H169)	Kappa Alpha Psi/Special Plate Fee.	S	02/23/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S130	Provide Funding/NC Military Business Center.	S	02/23/2017 Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
S146	Juvenile Reinvestment Act.	S	03/01/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S147	Reenact School Sales Tax Holiday.	S	03/01/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
*S149	Modify School Performance Grades.	S	03/01/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S150	Auto Ins./Notice to Lienholder of Termination.	S	03/01/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S179	Recognize Chowanoke Tribe.	S	03/07/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S190 (= H270)	The Haley Hayes Newborn Screening Bill.	S	03/07/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S210 (= H289)	Living Wage By 2022.	S	03/08/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S228 (= H303)	Voter Freedom Act.	S	03/14/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S236	Efficient and Affordable Energy Rates.	S	03/14/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S252 (= H339)	North Carolina Teaching Fellows.	S	04/05/2017 Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget
S259	Restore Master's Degree Pay for All Teachers.	S	03/15/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S280 (= H658)	Early Literacy Initiative/Funds.	S	03/23/2017 Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Education/Higher Education. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
S290 (= H858)	Medicaid Expansion/Healthcare Jobs Initiative.	S	03/16/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S299	Habitual Impaired Driving/10-Year Period.	H	04/13/2017 Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
S305 (= H422)	Raise Awareness About Alzheimer's & Dementias.	S	03/21/2017 Re-ref to Health Care. If fav, re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
S309	9/11 as First Responders Day.	S	03/20/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S311 (= H741)	DHHS Study/Maternal and Neonatal Care.	S	03/20/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S312 (= H254)	Surplus Computers for Low-Income Students.	H	04/13/2017 Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
S313	Increase Small Brewery Limits.	S	03/20/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
*S314	Give Retirees 2% COLA/Funds.	S	03/20/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S316 (= H285)	Suicide Prevention/Awareness School Personnel.	S	03/20/2017 Re-ref to Health Care. If fav, re-ref to Education/Higher Education. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
S317 (= H411)	Hypertension Awareness Day.	S	04/19/2017 Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S318	School Calendar Flexibility/PED Report.	S	03/21/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S319	Natural & Cultural Resources/Confirmation.	S	04/11/2017 Adopted
S320	Secretary of Administration Confirmation.	S	04/06/2017 Adopted
S321	School Calendar Flexibility/PED Report.	S	03/22/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S322 (= H441)	Caregiver Advise, Record & Enable (CARE) Act.	S	04/10/2017 Re-ref to Health Care. If fav, re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
S327	Drivers With Disabilities and Law Enforcement.	S	04/10/2017 Re-ref to Transportation. If fav, re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
S332	Repeal HB 2.	S	03/22/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S333	Require Use of Directional Signals.	S	04/04/2017 Re-ref to Transportation. If fav, re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
S352	NC Promise Tuition Plan Modifications.	S	03/23/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S382	Mobile Beauty Salons.	S	03/27/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S387	Limit Session Length.	S	03/27/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S390 (= H170)	Pilot/Sports for Students With	S	03/28/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

	Disabilities.		
S399 (= H485)	UNC & CC Credit/National Gd on SAD.	S	03/28/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S400 (= H486)	National Guard Tuition Assistance Program.	S	03/28/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S412	Improve Process/Sale of Unclaimed Vehicles.	H	04/27/2017 Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
S418	Dyslexia Kindergarten Screening.	S	03/29/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
*S438	Allow Senior Citizens to Audit UNC/CC Courses.	S	03/29/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
*S439	Funds/Eliminate NC Pre-K Waitlist Statewide.	S	03/29/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S440	National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.	S	03/29/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S442	Study/Expand Computer Science to All Students.	S	03/29/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S443	TA Tuition/Teachers Pilot/Funds for Books.	S	03/29/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S447	Turning TAs Into Teachers.	S	04/11/2017 Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget
S449	Early Ed Articulation Agreement.	H	04/27/2017 Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
S456	Increase De-Escalation Training for LEOs.	S	03/29/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S463 (= H543)	Caregiver Relief Act.	S	03/30/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S500	Strengthen Human Trafficking Law.	S	03/30/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S515	NC Skills Gap Study.	S	03/30/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S516	State Employees/Paid Parental Leave.	S	03/30/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S517	North Carolina New Teacher Support Act.	S	04/11/2017 Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget
S537	North Carolina Equal Pay Act.	S	04/03/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S538	Sudden Cardiac Arrest Task Force.	S	04/03/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S540 (= H534)	Computer Coding Course Elective.	S	04/03/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S548	Strengthen Human Trafficking Laws/Studies.	S	04/03/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S554	Fair Redistricting/Postmark&Absentee Ballots.	S	04/03/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S556 (= H544)	Healthy Families & Workplaces/Paid Sick Days.	S	04/03/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S580	UI for High Unemployment Areas/State Funding.	S	04/04/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S581	Establish Mandatory Dementia Care Training.	S	04/04/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S583	Occup. Therap./Phys. Therap. Salaries.	S	04/06/2017 Re-ref to Education/Higher Education. If fav, re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
S584	Pilot Project: Tablets for Inmates.	S	04/25/2017 Re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
S587	Tax Returns Uniformly Made Public Act.	S	04/05/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S588 (= H563)	Whole Woman's Health Act.	S	04/05/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S589 (= H279)	Fantasy Sports Regulation.	S	04/05/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S592	Small Business Access to Capital Act.	S	04/06/2017 Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
S594 (= H608)	Family/Child Protection & Accountability Act.	S	04/19/2017 Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget
S598	Future Teachers of North Carolina.	S	04/11/2017 Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget
S600	Britny's Law: IPV Homicide.	H	04/27/2017 Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
S627	Minority Colleges Advisory Board.	S	04/05/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S636	Increase Judicial Pay 20%.	S	04/05/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S637 (= H603)	Small Farms to Healthier Schools Initiative.	S	04/05/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S639 (= H594)	Healthy Mother, Healthy Child.	S	04/05/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S643	Establish Veterans Treatment Court.	S	04/05/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S644	Increase Diversity Among Physician Assistants.	S	04/05/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S645	Keep Both Parents in Life of Child.	S	04/05/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S646	Universal Voter Registration.	S	04/05/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S648 (= H185)	Legalize Medical Marijuana.	S	04/05/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S652	Increase Access to Higher Education.	S	04/05/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S659	Secretary of Commerce Confirmation.	S	04/11/2017 Adopted
S663 (= S665)	The I. Beverly Lake, Jr., Fair Trial Act.	S	04/05/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S667 (= H609)	Amend Various Innocence Commission Statutes.	S	04/05/2017 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S670	Sales Tax Exemption - Agricultural Fairs.	S	04/05/2017	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S672 (= S675)	Lack of Postmark/Absentee Ballots.	S	04/05/2017	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
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Senator Waddell's office is open Monday through Friday during Session. You may reach her office by calling her Legislative Assistant, Jyrita Moore, at 919-733-5650 or by email at waddelljla@ncleg.net.

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