



# North Carolina Chapter of the Appraisal Institute

Legislative Report  
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The 2017 legislative session began on Wednesday, January 11, as state lawmakers met in Raleigh to be sworn in, to formally elect their leaders, and to handle other logistics, so they could hit the ground running when the legislature convened on January 25. As expected, Senator Phil Berger (R-Rockingham) was elected for a fourth term as President Pro Tempore of the Senate, while Representative Tim Moore (R-Cleveland) was elected for a second term as Speaker of the House. Both leaders are attorneys and serve in chambers with veto-proof majorities - 35 Republicans to 15 Democrats in the Senate and 74 Republicans to 46 Democrats in the House. Republican Dan Forest (R-Wake) will preside over the Senate as Lieutenant Governor.

The one-day session on January 11 was followed by a two-week break. This was a chance to give legislative leaders time to organize. The legislature officially started the 2017 session on Wednesday, January 25 at 12 noon.

So far 39 House Bills and 31 Senate Bills have been introduced, for a total of 70 new legislative bills introduced this session.

Legislative bills introduced in previous legislative sessions are no longer “alive” for consideration by the 2017 General Assembly. Any legislative ideas that were introduced in previous years must be reintroduced this year for any further consideration. Usually each legislative session contains a number of legislative ideas that were introduced in previous legislative sessions but not enacted into law.

The House and Senate adjourned on Thursday and will reconvene on Monday evening.

The chamber and caucus leaders of the Senate and House are provided below:

## **SENATE**

Senate President:	Lt. Governor Dan Forest (R-Wake)
Senate President Pro Tempore:	Senator Phil Berger (R-Rockingham)
Senate Deputy President Pro Tempore:	Senator Louis Pate (R-Wayne)
Senate Majority Leader:	Senator Harry Brown (R-Onslow)
Senate Majority Whip:	Senator Jerry W. Tillman (R-Randolph)
	Senator Wesley Meredith (R-Cumberland)
Senate Majority Caucus Secretary:	Senator Norman W. Sanderson (R-Pamlico)
Senate Minority Leader:	Senator Dan Blue (D-Wake)
Senate Minority Caucus Secretary:	Senator Ben Clark (D-Cumberland)

Senate Minority Whip: Senator Terry Van Duyn (D-Buncombe)

## **HOUSE**

House Speaker: Rep. Tim Moore (R-Cleveland)  
House Speaker Pro Tempore: Rep. Sarah Stevens (R-Surry)  
House Majority Leader: Rep. John R. Bell, IV (R-Craven)  
House Majority Whip: Rep. Jon Hardister (R-Gulford)  
Deputy Majority Whips: Representative James L. Boles, Jr. (R-Moore)  
Representative John R. Bradford, III (R-Mecklenburg)  
Representative Chris Malone (R-Wake)  
House Deputy Majority Leader: Rep. Stephen M. Ross (R-Alamance)  
House Conference Leader: Rep. John Szoka (R-Cumberland)  
Deputy Conference Leader: Holly Grange (R-New Hanover)  
House Majority Freshman Leader: Rep. Dustin Hall (R-Caldwell)  
Brenden H. James (R-Columbus)  
Joint Caucus Leader: Rep. Pat B. Hurley (R-Randolph)  
House Majority Freshman Whip: Rep. John R. Bradford, III (R-Mecklenburg)  
House Minority Leader: Rep. Darren G. Jackson (D-Wake)  
House Deputy Minority Leader: Rep. Robert T. Reives, II (D-Lee)  
Minority Conference Whips: Rep. Verla Insko (D-Orange)  
Rep. Garland E. Pierce (D-Hoke)  
House Minority Secretary: Rep. Bobbie Richardson (D-Franklin)

The members of the various committees where bills of interest to NCAI may be considered are provided below:

### **Senate Judiciary**

Sens. Barringer, Daniel, Randleman, Chairs; Members: Sens. Bishop, Blue, Britt, Brown, Davis, Dunn, Gunn, Horner, B. Jackson, J. Jackson, Lee, Lowe, Newton, Tellman, Van Duyn, Wells

### **House Judiciary I**

Rep. Davis, Chair; Reps. Hall, Jackson, Stevens, and Turner, Vice Chairs; Members: Reps. Arp, Farmer-Butterfield, Howard, G. Martin, McNeill, Meyer, Rogers, Steinburg

### **House Judiciary II**

Rep. Blust, Chair; Rep. Faircloth, Hurley, McGrady, Michaux, Vice Chair; Members: Reps. Bumgardner, Fisher, Harrison, John, Jones, Saine, Sauls

### **House Judiciary III**

Reps. Jordan, Zachary, Chairs; Rep. Reives, Vice Chair; Members: Reps. Conrad, Hastings, Horn, Johnson, Lehman, Quick, Szoka, B. Turner, White

## **House Judiciary IV**

Reps. Blackwell, Burr, Chairs; Members: Reps. Alexander, Belk, Cleveland, Garrison, Bert Jones, Potts, B. Richardson, Riddell, Setzer, Torbett, Warren

## **House Banking**

Rep. Howard, Chairs; Rep. Hardister, Vice Chair; Members: Reps. Beasley, Belk, J. Bell, Blust, Conrad, Fraley, Destin Hall, Jordan, Lucas, Pierce, Ross, Setzer, Stone

## **LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES**

Important legislative deadlines, including bill introduction deadlines and the crossover deadline, are listed below:

- **March 15** – Senate deadline to introduce **local** bills (must be submitted to bill drafting by March 7)
- **March 30** – Senate deadline to introduce **public** bills (must be submitted to bill drafting by March 17)
- **March 29** – House deadline to introduce **local** bills (must be submitted to bill drafting by March 15)
- **April 12** – House deadline to introduce **public** bills (must be submitted to bill drafting by March 30)
- **April 19** – House deadline to introduce **appropriations or finance bills** (must be submitted to bill drafting by April 6)
- **April 27** – Crossover deadline (House and Senate) – date by which a bill must pass one chamber and be received in the other chamber, to remain eligible for consideration

## **BILLS OF INTEREST**

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**House Bill 31, Material Fact Disclosure Clarifications**, provides that if offering property for conveyance, rent or lease, it shall not be deemed a material fact that the real property is included in a comprehensive transportation plan, nor shall it be considered a required disclosure under NCGS 47E-4; provided however that a party or agent to the real estate transaction may not knowingly make a false statement regarding any such fact. **Introduced by Representatives Hastings, Stone, Davis and Floyd and referred to the House Judiciary I Committee, and if favorable to the House Transportation Committee.**

For more information about legislation described in the legislative reports, feel free to contact me at dferrell@vanblk.com or (919) 754-1171. Information is also available on the General Assembly's website: [www.ncga.state.nc.us](http://www.ncga.state.nc.us).

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