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S 1082. ESTABLISH NC PORTRAIT GALLERY. TO ESTABLISH A NORTH CAROLINA PORTRAIT GALLERY. Enacts new article 1A of GS Ch. 121, establishing NC Portrait Gallery Commission, charged with establishing NC Portrait Gallery, a free public museum with portraits and statues of persons making significant contributions to NC. Provides that Commission is to have nine members, appointed as follows: Governor appoints two members, President Pro Tempore appoints two members, Speaker appoints two members, and three persons serve ex officio: Sec'y of Cultural Resources, Director of NC Art Museum, and Chief Justice. Directs Comm'n to gather a collection of portraits and statuary, to determine (after consultation with Historical Commission) a suitable location within Museum of History for display of collection, and to recommend at least two nominees to Sec'y of Cultural Resources for appointment as director of Portrait Gallery. Requires that person have been deceased at least ten years in order for that person's portrait to be displayed in permanent collection, except for current Governor and Governor's spouse. Makes clear that 10-year rule is not inconsistent with GS 100-8 which forbids purchase of memorial or monument until subject has been dead for at least 25 years.

Intro. by Reeves.

Ref. to Appropriations	GS 100, 121
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