The Senate and the House agree to the following amendment(s) to the House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/8/21, House Committee Substitute #2 Favorable 6/16/21, and the Senate concurs in the Committee Substitute, as amended:

On page 10, lines 15-24, by rewriting those lines to read:

"SECTION 6.5.(a) G.S. 161-8 reads as rewritten:

§ 161-8. Attendance at office.

The board-of-county-commissioners may fix-by order, to be entered on their records, what days of each week, and at what hours of each day, the register of deeds shall attend at his office in person or by deputy, and he shall give his attendance accordingly, be present in the office on a full-time schedule. Except for official State holidays, emergencies, exigent circumstances, or inclement weather, the office of the register of deeds shall be open for business Monday through
Friday, at least 40 hours per week. The office shall not close before 5:00 P.M. and shall accept instruments and documents for filing at all times when open for business."

**SECTION 6.5.(b)** This section becomes effective August 1, 2021.".

The conferees recommend that the Senate and the House of Representatives adopt this report.

Date Conferees approved report: June 23, 2021.

Conferees for the Senate

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