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SENATE BILL DRS45428-MC-201

Short Title: Const Amend - Disaster Relief Emolument Excpt. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Hise (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ADD AN EXCEPTION TO THE EMOLUMENTS PROHIBITION OF THE
3 STATE CONSTITUTION FOR CERTAIN DISASTER RELIEF TO BUSINESSES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. Section 32 of Article I of the Constitution of North Carolina reads as
6 rewritten:

7 "Sec. 32. Exclusive emoluments.

8 No person or set of persons is entitled to exclusive or separate emoluments or privileges from
9 the community but ~~in~~ for one or more of the following:

10 (1) In consideration of public services.

11 (2) For restoration of privately-owned built structures directly resulting from physical
12 damage due to natural causes declared to be a major disaster by the government of the United
13 States, as prescribed by law."

14 SECTION 2. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to
15 the qualified voters of the State at the statewide primary election to be held on March 3, 2026,
16 which election shall be conducted in accordance with the laws governing elections at that time.
17 The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

18 "[] FOR [] AGAINST

19 Constitutional amendment allowing disaster relief in the form of real property
20 restoration that would otherwise be prohibited by the emoluments clause for major natural
21 disasters, as declared by the federal government."

22 SECTION 3. The State Board of Elections shall certify the results of the referendum
23 conducted under Section 2 of this act. If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of
24 the amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the Secretary of State shall enroll the amendment
25 among the permanent records of that office. If a majority of votes cast on the question are against
26 the amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the amendment shall have no effect.

27 SECTION 4. If the certification from the State Board of Elections under Section 3
28 of this act reflects that a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the amendment set
29 out in Section 1 of this act, the amendment set out in Section 1 of this act is effective upon
30 certification.

31 SECTION 5. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
32 law.

