

1 (4) The Secretary of the Department of Transportation, or the Secretary's
2 designee.

3 (5) The Executive Director of the Wildlife Resources Commission, or the
4 Executive Director's designee.

5 **SECTION 1.(c)** The Commission shall also consult with and request the
6 participation of representatives of the Wilmington District of the United States Army Corps of
7 Engineers and the Natural Resource Conservation Service of the United States Department of
8 Agriculture.

9 **SECTION 1.(d)** The Commission shall study the following matters related to the
10 problem of adequate drainage in counties that include areas with an elevation less than 124 feet
11 above sea level (low-lying counties):

12 (1) The impact and cost to agriculture, forestry, and property owners from lack
13 of adequate drainage in low-lying counties

14 (2) The legal, regulatory, and financial impediments to resolution of drainage
15 problems in low-lying counties.

16 (3) The contribution of beavers to drainage problems, and the adequacy of
17 existing programs and funding for beaver control.

18 **SECTION 1.(e)** Members of the Commission shall receive per diem, subsistence,
19 and travel allowances in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1, G.S. 138-5, or G.S. 138-6, as
20 appropriate. The Commission, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all
21 powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.4. The Commission may meet upon
22 the call of the cochairs. The Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the
23 Legislative Office Building. With approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the
24 Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional staff to assist the Commission in its work.
25 The House of Representatives' and the Senate's Directors of Legislative Assistants shall assign
26 clerical staff to the Commission, and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall be
27 borne by the Commission.

28 All State departments and agencies and local governments and their subdivisions
29 shall furnish the Commission with any information in their possession or available to them.

30 **SECTION 1.(f)** The Commission shall make a final report of its findings and
31 legislative recommendations to the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly. The
32 Commission shall terminate on December 31, 2016, or upon the filing of its final report,
33 whichever occurs first.

34 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.