

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY **MAKES THE STATE LAWS** THAT GOVERN NORTH CAROLINIANS

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY* = HOUSE + SENATE

**The General Assembly is the N.C. Legislature*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- 120 members, one for each district
- Presiding officer = Speaker of the House
 - Speaker is elected by House members for two-year terms

SENATE

- 50 members, one for each district
- President of the Senate = Lieutenant Governor
 - Lt. Gov. is elected by N.C. voters and has no vote in the Senate except to break a tie

1. Members hold two-year terms

2. The General Assembly meets every odd-numbered year (called the "Long Session") and reconvenes in the next even-numbered year (called the "Short Session")

3. Members are elected by the people in their Senatorial or House District

WHAT IS A SUPERMAJORITY?

A supermajority is when one party holds a majority of the seats in both the House and the Senate. This would allow one party to pass laws and consistently override a veto by the governor. A supermajority requires **30 out of 50 seats in the Senate** and **72 out of 120 seats in the House**.

WHICH DISTRICT DO I LIVE IN?

Redistricting may have impacted which district you live in.

Find your House and Senate district by going to ncleg.gov/FindYourLegislators



THE STATE LEGISLATURE PLAYS A HUGE ROLE IN DRAFTING AND APPROVING BILLS TO BECOME LAWS

Immigration

- Senate Bill 101: Require cooperation between state law enforcement and ICE, endangering immigrant communities.
- House Bill 753: Give some immigrant youth in-state tuition at UNC and community colleges

Hate Crimes

- House Bill 354 and Senate Bill 439: Expand the definition of hate crimes and provide resources to help officials respond to hate crimes

Voting Rights

- Senate Bills 326, 724, and 725: Anti-voter provisions that suppress votes, enforce a racist voter ID law, and restrict funding for under-resourced communities to run elections safely

Health Access

- House Bill 149: Increase funding to expand healthcare in N.C.

The State Legislature decides the laws that we live by every day.
Vote for legislators that align with your values!