



## Legislation Text

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### **TITLE:**

A Resolution Setting the Date for the 2014 Legislative Breakfast and Discussion of Legislative Issues for the 2014 Short Session of the General Assembly

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this item is to request that the Board of Aldermen set the date for the 2014 Legislative Breakfast and to facilitate a discussion of legislative issues to present to our local delegation at the breakfast. The delegation may be able to pursue some of the issues presented during the upcoming session of the NC General Assembly.

**DEPARTMENT:** Town Clerk

### **CONTACT INFORMATION: Cathy Wilson**

**INFORMATION:** The 2013 Regular Session of the 2013 General Assembly adjourned July 26, 2013, and the Reconvened 2013 Session of the 2013 General Assembly adjourned September 4, 2013. The adjournment resolutions ([Res. 2013-23; HJR 1023 <http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2013/Bills/House/PDF/H1023v2.pdf>](http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2013/Bills/House/PDF/H1023v2.pdf) and [Res. 2013-24; HJR <http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2013/Bills/House/PDF/H1024v2.pdf>](http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2013/Bills/House/PDF/H1024v2.pdf) 1024 [<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2013/Bills/House/PDF/H1024v2.pdf>](http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2013/Bills/House/PDF/H1024v2.pdf)) provide that the Senate and House of Representatives stand adjourned to reconvene on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at 12:00 noon.

The adjournment resolution specifies what may be considered during the Short Session. Per a 9/16/2013 memo from O.Walker Reagan, Director of Research to the Members of the General Assembly, those matters include:

1. **Budget bills.** Bills directly and primarily affecting the State budget, including the budget of an occupational licensing board, for fiscal year 2014-2015, provided that the bill must be submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office no later than 4:00 P.M. Friday, May 16, 2014, and must be introduced in the House of Representatives or filed for introduction in the Senate no later than 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 27, 2014.
2. **Bills amending the Constitution of North Carolina.**
3. **Crossover bills.**
  - a. Senate bills and resolutions introduced in 2013 that passed third reading in the Senate and were received by the House in 2013, or
  - b. House bills and resolutions introduced in 2013 that passed third reading in the House by May 16, 2013 and were received in the Senate by May 20, 2013
  - c. However, any bill otherwise meeting these deadlines is not eligible for consideration if it:
    - i. Violates the rules of the receiving chamber; and

- ii. Is disposed of in the other house by tabling, unfavorable committee report, indefinite postponement, or failure to pass any reading.

Attached is a list of bills that appear to be eligible for consideration during the Short Session under the crossover criteria listed in this section. This list does not include all eligible bills, but only those bills that have passed one house and been received in the other and which are "still alive" under the terms of this section. The list of bills was generated by the Information Systems Division of the Legislative Services Office.

**4. Study committee bills.** Bills and resolutions implementing the recommendations of:

- a. Study commissions, authorities, and statutory commissions authorized or directed to report to the 2014 Regular Session;
- b. The General Statutes Commission, the Courts Commission, or any commission created under Chapter 120 of the General Statutes that is authorized or directed to report to the General Assembly;
- c. The House Ethics Committee;
- d. Select committees; or
- e. The Joint Legislative Ethics Committee or its Advisory Subcommittee.

A bill authorized by this subdivision must be submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 14, 2014, and must be filed for introduction in the Senate or introduced in the House of Representatives no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 21, 2014.

**5. Local bills.** Any local bill that has been submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office by 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 21, 2014, is introduced in the House of Representatives or filed for introduction in the Senate by 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 28, 2014, and is accompanied by a certificate signed by the principal sponsor stating that no public hearing will be required or asked for by a member on the bill, the bill is noncontroversial, and that the bill is approved for introduction by each member of the House of Representatives and the Senate whose district includes the area to which the bill applies.

**6. Appointment bills.** Selection, appointment, or confirmation of members of State boards and commissions as required by law, including the filling of vacancies of positions for which the appointees were elected by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, or President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

**7. Bills authorized by a joint resolution that passed by a two-thirds vote.** Any matter authorized by joint resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of the members of the House of Representatives present and voting and by a two-thirds majority of the members of the Senate present and voting. A bill or resolution filed in either house under the provisions of this subdivision shall have a copy of the ratified enabling resolution attached to the jacket before filing for introduction in the Senate or introduction in the House of Representatives.

**8. Joint resolutions authorizing introduction of a bill.** A joint resolution authorizing the introduction of a bill pursuant to subdivision (7) of this section.

9. **Pension or retirement bills.** Any bills primarily affecting any State or local pension or retirement system, provided that the bill has been submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 21, 2014, and is introduced in the House of Representatives or filed for introduction in the Senate no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 28, 2014

10. **Joint resolutions, House resolutions, and Senate resolutions** authorized for introduction under Senate Rule 40(b) or House Rule 31.

11. **Redistricting bills:**

- a. Revising the Senate districts and the apportionment of senators among those districts.
- b. Revising the Representative districts and the apportionment of representatives among those districts.
- c. Revising the districts for the election of members of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States and the apportionment of representatives among those districts.
- d. Bills responding to actions related to the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
- e. Bills responding to actions related to litigation concerning Congressional, State House, or State Senate districts.

12. **Vetoed bills.** Bills returned by the Governor with objections under Section 22 of Article II of the North Carolina Constitution, but solely for the purpose of considering overriding of the veto upon reconsideration of the bill.

13. **Election law bills.** Any bills relating to election laws.

14. **Bills disapproving rules.** Bills to disapprove rules under [G.S. 150B-21.3](http://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/BySection/Chapter_150B/GS_150B-)  
[http://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/BySection/Chapter\\_150B/GS\\_150B-](http://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/BySection/Chapter_150B/GS_150B-)

15. **Adjournment resolutions.** A joint resolution adjourning the 2013 Regular Session, sine die.

Staff contacted the legislative delegation to determine possible dates for the 2014 legislative breakfast. The following date has been recommended: Monday, April 21st, 2014. As in the past, the breakfast will take place at Town Hall and begin at 7:30 a.m.

In previous years, the Board of Aldermen has developed a package of legislative issues to discuss with the delegation. Occasionally, this package has included a piece of local legislation that the Board of Aldermen would like to get passed.

Staff is in the process of monitoring legislation in the General Assembly and will report to the Board as topics arise. The NCLM Municipal Advocacy Goals are attached for information. Legislative monitoring will continue throughout the short session by using sources including, but not limited to:

- 1) General Assembly Website
- 2) UNC School of Government monitoring and reporting service
- 3) NCLM legislative monitoring and reporting service
- 4) The NC Metro Mayors Coalition

**FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT:** N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:** Town staff recommends that the Board approve the resolution setting a date for the 2014 Legislative Breakfast and discuss the resolution establishing a list of legislative issues/priorities to discuss with our local delegation and, where appropriate, to propose local legislation in the upcoming session of the General Assembly.