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**HOUSE BILL 204**

Short Title: Edgecombe Co. Tourism Development Authority. (Local)

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Sponsors: Representative Tolson (Primary Sponsor).  
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE EDGECOMBE COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Tourism Development Authority. – (a) The Board of Commissioners of Edgecombe County may by resolution create the Edgecombe County Tourism Development Authority, which shall be a public authority under the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The resolution shall provide for the membership of the Authority, including the members' terms of office, and for the filling of vacancies on the Authority. At least one-third of the members shall be individuals who are affiliated with businesses in the county, and at least one-half of the members shall be individuals who are currently active in the promotion of travel and tourism in the county. The resolution shall provide that the Authority shall be composed of the following nine members:

- (1) An Edgecombe County Commissioner appointed by the board of commissioners.
- (2) A member of the Tarboro Town Council appointed by the town council.
- (3) Three owners or operators of motels, hotels, or other taxable accommodations in Edgecombe County, one of whom shall be appointed by the Tarboro Town Council, one by the Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners, and one by the Edgecombe County Chamber of Commerce.
- (4) Two individuals involved in the tourist business who have demonstrated an interest in tourist development and do not own or operate hotels, motels, or other taxable tourist accommodations, appointed as follows: one by the Tarboro Town Council and one by the Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners.
- (5) An individual who is interested in the tourism business, has demonstrated an interest in tourism development, and is appointed by the Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners.
- (6) An individual who is interested in the tourism business, has demonstrated an interest in tourism development, and is appointed by the Tarboro Town Council.

The Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners shall designate one member of the Authority as chair and shall determine the compensation, if any, to be paid to members of the Authority.



1           The Authority shall meet at the call of the chair and shall adopt rules of procedure to  
2 govern its meetings. The Finance Officer for Edgecombe County shall be the ex officio finance  
3 officer of the Authority.

4           **SECTION 1.(b)** Duties. – The Authority shall promote travel, tourism, and  
5 conventions in the county, sponsor tourist-related events and activities in the county, and  
6 finance tourist-related capital projects in the county.

7           **SECTION 1.(c)** Reports. – The Authority shall report quarterly and at the close of  
8 the fiscal year to the board of county commissioners on its receipts and expenditures for the  
9 preceding quarter and for the year in such detail as the board may require.

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