

North Carolina Sheriffs' Association

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Weekly Legislative Report

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The 2021-2022 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly will convene next week on Wednesday, January 13, 2021. The 2021 Session is the first year of a two-year session and is commonly referred to as the "long session," since it begins in January and is likely to end sometime during the summer.

The first North Carolina legislature was elected under the Constitution of 1776. The General Assembly has convened at the seat of government in Raleigh since 1794. Before then, it met at various times in New Bern, Halifax, Hillsborough, Fayetteville, Tarboro, and Smithfield.

With respect to leadership at the General Assembly this Session, Senator Phil Berger has been nominated to again serve as President Pro Tempore to continue leading the Senate and Senator Ralph Hise was re-nominated to continue to serve as Deputy President Pro Tempore. Senator Kathy Harrington was elected unanimously by her party to serve as the Republican Majority Leader and in doing so will become the first woman to hold the position of Majority Leader of either caucus since the inception of the North Carolina Senate. Representative Betsy Cochrane was the first woman Minority Leader of the Republican Party in the 1990s. Senator Dan Blue will serve his fourth term as the Democratic Minority Leader and Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson will serve as the President of the Senate.

In the House, Representative Tim Moore was re-nominated to continue his service as the Speaker of the House and a Speaker Pro Tempore will likely be nominated and elected during the first several days of the Session. The parties in the House will be led by Republican Majority Leader Representative John Bell and Democratic Minority Leader Representative Robert Reives.

The North Carolina Sheriffs' Association prepares Weekly Legislative Reports each Friday that the North Carolina General Assembly is in session. The Reports detail legislation that is of special interest to sheriffs, sheriffs' office personnel and other law enforcement officers and criminal justice professionals in our State.

If you would like a copy of any of the legislation introduced or considered by this year's General Assembly, copies are available on the General Assembly's website: www.ncleg.net.

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