

North Carolina Sheriffs' Association

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Weekly Legislative Report

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The 2023-2024 session of the North Carolina General Assembly will re-convene next week on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 12:00 noon to start the business of the session. Legislators have already convened once this year, on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, to elect officers, adopt rules, and organize the session. On January 25, the real work of the session will begin in earnest. The 2023 session is the first year of a two-year session which is commonly referred to as the "long session." The long session usually begins in January and is likely to end sometime during the mid-to-late summer.

The first North Carolina legislature was elected under the Constitution of 1776. It has met at various times in New Bern, Halifax, Hillsborough, Fayetteville, Tarboro, and Smithfield, prior to being permanently established in Raleigh in 1794.

With respect to leadership in the Senate this session, Senator Phil Berger has been elected to serve a seventh term as President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Senator Ralph Hise will continue to serve as Deputy President Pro Tempore. Senator Paul Newton has been announced as the Republican Majority Leader. Senator Dan Blue will again serve as the Democratic Minority Leader, with Senator Jay Chaudhuri as the Democratic Whip. Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson will continue to serve as the President of the Senate.

In the House, Representative Tim Moore has been elected to a historic fifth term as Speaker; prior to his election, no Speaker has served more than four terms. Representative John R. Bell, IV was announced as Majority Leader and Representative Robert T. Reives, II was announced as the Minority Leader.

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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