

# Legislative Commission on Global Climate Change



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# History of Commission

- **Enabling Legislation**

- S.L. 2005-442
- Originally scheduled to expire in November 2006
- Extended 3 times, now scheduled to expire on October 1, 2010

- **Membership**

- 34 Members
  - 9 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
  - 9 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
  - 16 named members that represent a variety of industries, organizations, and academic institutions

# Commission Staff

- **Research Division**
  - Jeff Hudson, Jennifer McGinnis, Jennifer Mundt, Mariah Matheson, and Tim Dodge
- **Bill Drafting**
  - Susan Iddings
- **Fiscal Research**
  - Lanier McRee
- **Commission Clerks**
  - Thelma Utley and Ted Harrison

# Commission Charge (S.L. 2005-442)

- **The Commission shall conduct an in depth examination of issues related to global climate change, including the following:**
  - A review of possible natural and anthropogenic causes of global climate change.
  - A review of actions taken by the federal government and by other states.
  - An examination of the emissions of greenhouse gases from within the State and their contribution to global climate change.
  - Evaluation of the economic opportunities that may result from actions to address global climate change and the emerging carbon market.
  - The potential impacts of global climate change.
  - The costs of any action taken by the State.
  - The benefits of any action taken by or within the State.

# Commission Charge (contd.)

- **May develop a recommended global warming pollutant reduction goal for the State.**
- **Shall consider the findings and recommendations of from the Division of Air Quality's study of standards and plans to control emissions of CO2 required by the Clean Smokestacks Act (S.L. 2002-4).**
- **Shall work cooperatively with:**
  - State agencies with respect to the agencies' areas of responsibilities regarding greenhouse gas emissions and climate change.
  - Other state and national governments to organize a forum on global climate change, including its causes, impacts, challenges, and opportunities in the southeastern United States.

# Overview of Commission Activities

- **2006-2007**
  - 7 meetings, focused on science of climate change, actions by other states
- **2007-2008**
  - 4 meetings, focused on policy options
- **2008-2009**
  - 6 meetings, focused on impacts and adaptation
- **2009-2010**
  - 4 meetings, focused on federal and international actions

# Formal Actions

- **February 22, 2007**

- Adopted 17 recommendations for inclusion in the Commission's Interim Report
- Based on CAPAG early action items

- **February 11, 2008**

- Emerging Issues Forum, adopted resolution acknowledging the following findings:
  - Climate change is real.
  - Human activity is a factor in that change.
  - The Commission should move forward to address the issues faced by the State.

# Current Activities

- **Plan to wrap up work of Commission in its current form:**
  - February 2010
    - Solicited Commission members for proposed recommendations
  - March 2010
    - Discussion of draft final report and recommendations
    - Recommendations for Future Consideration (34) vs. Legislative Proposals (6)
  - April 2010
    - Formal action on findings, recommendations, and legislative proposals
  - May 2010
    - Approve final report for submission to General Assembly

# Questions?

Commission website:

[http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/DocumentSites/  
browseDocSite.asp?nID=14](http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/DocumentSites/browseDocSite.asp?nID=14)

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