

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1963 SESSION

CHAPTER 607
HOUSE BILL 708

AN ACT TO CREATE THE HISTORIC SWANNSBOROUGH COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ACQUISITION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF HISTORIC SITES IN THE TOWN OF SWANSBORO AND THE COUNTY OF ONSLOW.

WHEREAS, the Town of Swansboro, incorporated in 1783, is the oldest town in the County of Onslow; and

WHEREAS, in the latter part of the eighteenth century the town had been established as a State port of entry and had become the economic and cultural hub of the County of Onslow; and

WHEREAS, there are many historic buildings and relics in the present Town of Swansboro of great interest and value; and

WHEREAS, an active and competent group has been organized to restore and preserve historic sites, buildings and relics in the Town of Swansboro and the County of Onslow; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that this program be continued: Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. The Governor is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to appoint a commission of not less than 15 members, to be known as the Historic Swansborough Commission. In addition to the members to be appointed by the Governor, the Mayor of the Town of Swansboro, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Onslow County, and the Director of the State Department of Archives and History shall serve on the said commission as ex officio members. The Governor is authorized to fill any vacancies on the commission occasioned by the members appointed by him.

Sec. 2. The aforesaid commission is authorized and empowered to acquire title to historic properties in and near the Town of Swansboro, and to repair, restore or otherwise improve such properties, and to maintain them until the work of the commission shall be terminated.

Sec. 3. Any appropriations voted by the General Assembly that may be for the purposes stated above shall be made to the State Department of Archives and History.

Sec. 4. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 29th day of May, 1963.