

## **Session Law 2011-266 Government Reduction Act**

The Government Reduction Act, Session Law 2011-266, became effective July 1, 2011. The impact to Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission was to repeal Part 2 of Article 7, Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee.

*SECTION 1.25.(a) Part 2 of Article 7 of Chapter 77 of the General Statutes, G.S. 77-103 through G.S. 77-109, is repealed.*

*SECTION 1.25.(b) The title of Article 7 of Chapter 77 of the General Statutes reads as rewritten:*

*"Article 7. Roanoke River Basin Bi-State ~~Commission; Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee.~~Commission.  
Part 1. Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission."*

### **What is the impact of repealing Part 2?**

There is no longer an Advisory Committee to assist the NC representatives of the Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission. For a practical matter the loss of the Advisory Committee shouldn't impact the work of the Commission. In section §77-92(d) there is still the authority for each State to meet separately and report findings on basin related issues to the full Commission. The Catawba River Basin Bi-State Advisory Commission has functioned effectively without an Advisory Committee.

One issue that SL 2011-266 did not address was Part 1 has references to Part 2 for the terms and eligibility for appointment to the Commission. After a review by the Attorney General's Office and the Governor's Office, it was determined the Governor has the necessary authority to appoint representatives to the Commission. In reviewing statute's change the Office of the Governor's Boards & Commission staff found some out of date information that is being corrected.