

## North Carolina Legislative Update, June 9, 2017

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This week at the General Assembly, budget conversations continued while both the House and Senate considered noteworthy bills.

### **Budget Process** ([S257](#))

Both chambers appointed members to the conference committee for the Appropriations Act of 2017. The committee is made up of 47 Representatives (41 Republicans and 6 Democrats) and 24 Senators (all Republican). Leadership has expressed a goal of completing the budget bill by next week with an adjournment target of July 1.

### **Special Session**

In response to the United States Supreme Court's upholding of a lower court decision that North Carolina's legislative maps are unconstitutional, Governor Cooper called upon the Legislature on Wednesday afternoon to begin a 14-day session to redraw district voting maps. Thursday morning, legislators rejected the call with the House voting 71-44 to refuse the Governor's call and the Senate adopting a motion to do the same.

### **Renewable Energy** ([H589](#))

A bill that would rewrite the North Carolina's renewable energy laws passed through the House this week with little resistance. The proposal would allow third-party leasing of rooftop or community solar systems, reinstate the green source rider, open competitive bidding on solar projects, and maintains the state's renewable energy portfolio standard goal of 12.5% by 2021. The final House vote was 108-11. The bill now moves to the Senate.

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