

North Carolina's General Assembly

Chapter 13.1



What is the structure of NC Government

- Three Branches with separation of powers
- **The Legislative Branch**
 - Makes laws
 - What is the federal legislature called?
- **The Executive Branch**
 - Enforces laws
 - Who is the federal chief executive?
- **The Judicial Branch**
 - Interprets laws
 - Who has the final say on laws?

NCGA in Raleigh, NC



N.C. Legislative Branch

- Called NC General Assembly (NCGA)
- Bicameral – two chambers
- NC House of Representatives (lower)
- NC Senate (upper)

➤ FACT CHECK:

- Name 4 similarities between Congress & the General Assembly!

How is the General Assembly Organized? (Chart at bottom)

➤ NC House of Reps

➤ 120 Members

➤ Must be:

- 21 Years Old
- US Citizen
- Live in District 1 yr,

➤ Leadership:

- Speaker of the House

➤ NC Senate

➤ 50 Members

➤ Must be:

- 25 Years Old
- US Citizen
- Live in NC 2 years
- Live in District 1 yr.

➤ Leadership:

- Lieutenant Governor
- President Pro-Tempore

Powers of the General Assembly

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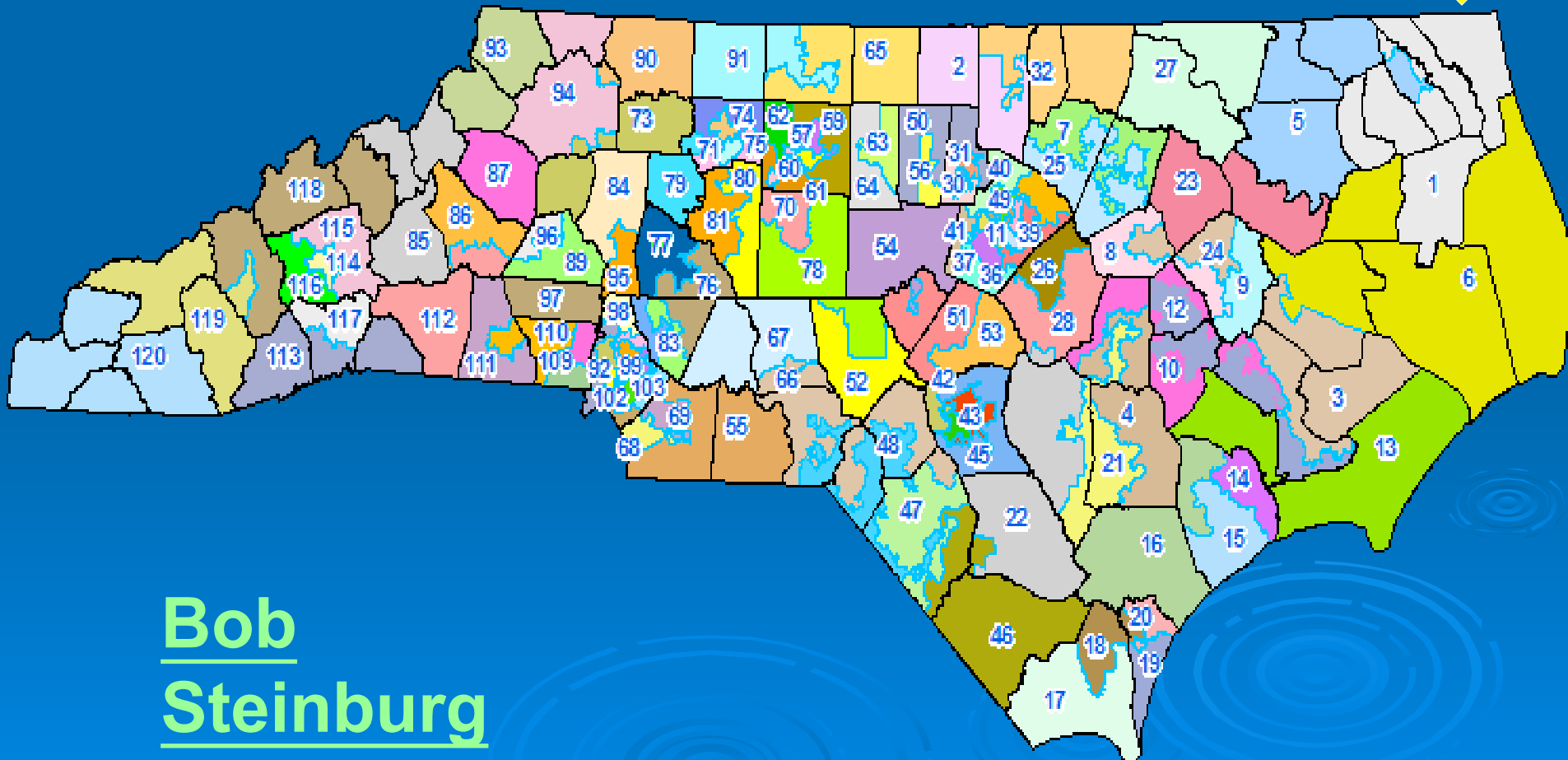
- Statutes: pass laws that apply to entire state
- Legislative Oversight: determine how well laws are working
- Impeachment: charge & remove state officials
- Levy taxes
- Approve the governor's budget
- Override veto
- Propose Constitutional Amendments

More facts about the NCGA (#5)

- Baker v. Carr (1962) ruled that all seats in state legislatures must be apportioned by population
- Wesberry v. Saunders (1963) ruled that all districts must have approximately the same numbers.

NC House Districts

Here We
Are☺



Bob
Steinburg

NC Senate Districts

Here We
Are😊



Bill Cook

Problems Facing NCGA

➤ Competition for seats

- Part-time pay, full-time job (\$13,981)
- Retired, wealthy members

➤ Budget Shortfalls

- Must balance budget
- Choice: Raise taxes or cut spending

➤ Scope of government growing:

- More people, more problems, less \$

Sources of Revenue

- Income taxes: Largest source of \$
- Sales taxes: 2nd largest source of \$
- Corporate taxes: Tax on biz profits
- Excise/“Sin” taxes: Alcohol, tobacco
- Estate/inheritance tax: Over \$650K
- Licenses: Driver’s, Marriage, Hunting
- Lottery: Portion of \$ benefits schools

Sources of Revenue by Type



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