



ABC &-NEWS

A weekly newsletter on North Carolina policy and political news relevant to the North Carolina's ABC Boards

General Assembly to Return in Sept

After a session marked by reopen bills and vetos of those bills, the General Assembly is slated to return in early September, but with a focus on COVID-19 relief.

Over 1 million North Carolinians are out of work, over 1400 COVID-19 related deaths in the state have been documented, there is still uncertainty if school can start in August, and the state is running a budget deficit that could climb over \$4 billion (or 20% of its annual budget).

"The General Assembly has a lot of issues they are facing and it's not yet been determined if budget writers will have the resources to tackle those issues," said NC Association of ABC Boards President Miles Davis.

Those questionable resources include whether the federal government will allow the state to use \$2 billion in COVID-19 funding in the CARES Act to plug holes in the state budget.

US Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky) has indicated he is opposed giving states latitude, but it is not yet clear if President Donald Trump feels the same way.

North Carolina is holding approximately \$2 billion in COVID-19 funding.

Association Members to Vote on By-Laws Suspension

Due to the worsening of COVID-19 cases in North Carolina, the NC Association of ABC Boards Board of Directors canceled its annual conference in Concord this year. Because of the cancellation, the Association's Board of Directors is requesting a vote by the membership to suspend the bylaws in order for the current Board of Directors to stay in their position until the next in-person meeting in the summer of 2021.

"The Association's leadership and Board is incredibly disappointed to postpone the conference, but we knew this was a necessary step for the health and safety of our membership," said NC Association of ABC Boards President Miles Davis.

In the coming days, the membership will receive ballots in the mail. A yes vote to suspend the bylaws will allow the Board of Directors, including its officers, to stay in position for another year.

"This will be a temporary amendment to the Association's bylaws, and will allow for the appointment of Board members next year at the annual meeting," said Davis.

North Carolina's Nonprofit Corporation Act allows any action that could be taken at a meeting of members to be taken without a meeting if approved by written ballot.

The ballots are a simple, one-page ballot, and should only take a moment for members to fill out. The ballots should be returned by August 17, 2020. The ballots will include prepaid postage, but can also be returned by email (as a PDF sent to admin@ncabcboards.com) or by fax (to 919-779-5642). If you have any questions about the ballot process, please contact Jim Thompson at jim@caphill.com.

Happy Independence Day from NC's ABC Boards

The NC Association of ABC Boards wishes you a very happy Independence Day holiday on Saturday. While the holiday have fewer fireworks and

parties this year, the day is just as important as ever as the United States unites to fight the coronavirus.



In honor of the federal holiday, this e-newsletter will not be published Friday, July 10 and will resume Friday, July 17.