A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL ETHICS STANDARDS IN COUNTIES AND
CITIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 5 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is amended by
adding a new section to read:

"§ 160A-88. Additional ethics requirements for urban governing boards.
  (a) All members of governing boards of cities, counties, local boards of education,
unified governments, sanitary districts, and consolidated city-counties shall complete a
statement of economic interest as if that member were a public servant as defined in
G.S. 138A-3. That statement of economic interest shall be filed with the clerk to the board of
the governing board on or before April 15 of each year.
  (b) All members of governing boards of cities, counties, local boards of education,
unified governments, sanitary districts, and consolidated city-counties shall not mention or
permit another person to mention the member's public position in nongovernmental advertising
that advances the private interest of the member or others.
  (c) A member shall not use or permit the use of public funds for any advertisement or
public service announcement in a newspaper, on radio, television, magazines, or billboards that
contains that member's name, picture, or voice, except in the case of local, State, or national
emergency and only if the announcement is reasonably necessary to the member's official
function. This subsection shall not apply to fund-raising on behalf of and aired on public radio
or public television.
  (d) A member shall not use or disclose nonpublic information gained in the course of,
or by reason of, the member's official responsibilities in a way that would affect a personal
financial interest of the member or any other person."

SECTION 2. G.S. 153A-53 reads as rewritten:

  (a) The board of commissioners shall adopt a resolution or policy containing a code of
ethics, as required by G.S. 160A-86.
  (b) All members of the board of commissioners, whether elected or appointed, shall
receive the ethics education required by G.S. 160A-87.
  (c) All members of the board of commissioners shall comply with G.S. 160A-88, as
applicable."

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2013. The statement of interest
required by G.S. 160A-88(a) shall be filed with the clerk to the board on or before October 1,
2013.