

## Mike Clampitt

### North Carolina House District 119



#### Summary

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#### Biography

Clampitt earned a degree in Fire Science and Technology from Rowan-Cabarrus Community College in 1976. His professional experience includes being a retired Fire Captain for the Charlotte Fire Department and Asst. Sergeant at Arms for the North Carolina General Assembly.

[Ballotpedia, [Accessed 12/20/17](#)]

#### ALEC membership/ties

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- [Signed ALEC 2017 letter to Speaker Ryan & Leader McConnell re: ACHA](#)

#### ALEC model legislation authored/sponsored

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Bill Title/Number	ALEC Model Bill	Sponsored/Authoried
SJR 36 (2017)	Article V Convention of the States	Voted <a href="#">Yea</a>

- In 2017, Representative Mike Clampitt supported a bill that calls for a national constitutional convention to add a “balanced budget” amendment to the U.S. Constitution.** Representative Mike Clampitt voted for SJR 36, a bill that call for a Constitutional Convention to add a balanced budget amendment to the US Constitution. According to the Center of Media and Democracy, the bill is based on The Resolution for a Limited Constitutional Convention on Unfunded Mandates, an ALEC model resolution, which is listed under ALEC's Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force and was included in the 1995 Sourcebook of American State Legislation. SJR 36, reflects the ALEC model legislation, represents a mostly conservative movement to hold a national convention that aims to limit the federal government’s ability to operate on a deficit. If successful, one result could be a fundamental shift of power to the states and permanent loss of many federal programs. In an article by The News & Observer, Senator Floyd McKissick, a Durham Democrat, cautioned against applying for a convention that could put people’s rights in jeopardy. “I’m concerned where we start holding a constitutional convention when everything is up for grabs,” he said. “This has fundamental and far-reaching implications that we should not take lightly. [Center for Media and Democracy: [Resolution for a Limited Constitutional Convention on Unfunded Mandates Exposed](#); The News & Observer: [Change the U.S. Constitution? NC senators want another constitutional convention](#); SJR [36](#), Bill passed in the House, 66-45, [6/29/2017](#) and in the Senate, 29-20, [4/26/2017](#)]

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#### Other Hits

**Representative Mike Clampitt co-sponsored a bill to reinstate the state constitution’s ban on same-sex marriage.** According to Fox News 8, Representative Clampitt co-sponsored House Bill 780, titled “Uphold Historical Marriage Act,” would direct the state government to defy a United States Supreme Court ruling. The bill says that the Supreme Court’s 2015 ruling legalizing same-sex marriage will be “null and void in the State of North Carolina, and that the State of North Carolina shall henceforth uphold and enforce Section 6 of Article XIV of the North Carolina Constitution, the opinion and objection of the United States Supreme Court notwithstanding.” The bill also quotes the Bible, saying the ruling “exceeds the authority of the court relative to the decree of Almighty God that ‘a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh’ (Genesis 2:24, ESV) and abrogates the clear meaning and understanding of marriage in all societies throughout prior history.” Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper spoke out against the bill on Tuesday, tweeting, “This bill is wrong. We need more LGBT protections, not fewer.” [Fox News 8, [4/11/17](#)]

**At a constituent town hall, Mike Clampitt was accused of racism & posing with Confederate flags,** In September 2017, Mike Clampitt was at a town hall with constituents when an alleged photo of him posing with a man dressed in a Confederate uniform displaying Confederate flags was presented. From the Mountaineer, “Near the end of the town hall, Mary Jane Curry confronted him about his views on the public display of the Confederate battle flag at the Canton Labor Day parade and local progressive activist Chuck Zimmerman brought forward a photograph of Clampitt standing with men who were holding the flags, one of whom was wearing a Confederate uniform. ‘I condemn all forms of racism,

bigotry and oppression of anybody ... but [that flag] has not always been associated with that,' he said. He went on in a further attempt to prove he doesn't harbor any prejudice toward African Americans, telling a story about a black firefighter in his company that he stuck up for in a moment when he had to go up against his superior. In the end, he felt it was the right thing to do. However, Carroll wasn't buying it. 'There is nothing you can say that is going to convince me you're not racist,' she said." [The Mountaineer, [9/12/17](#); The News & Observer, [9/14/17](#)]